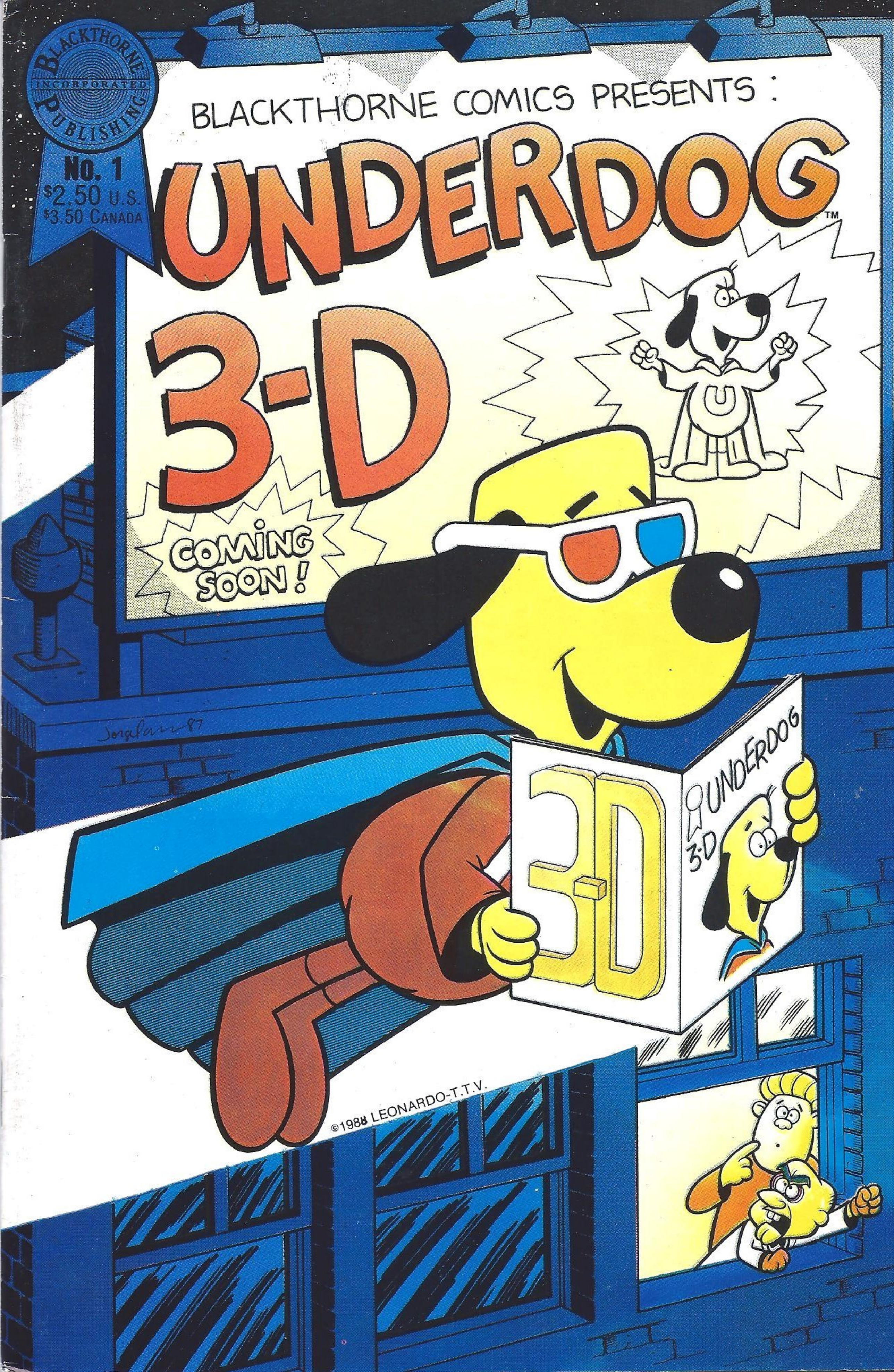
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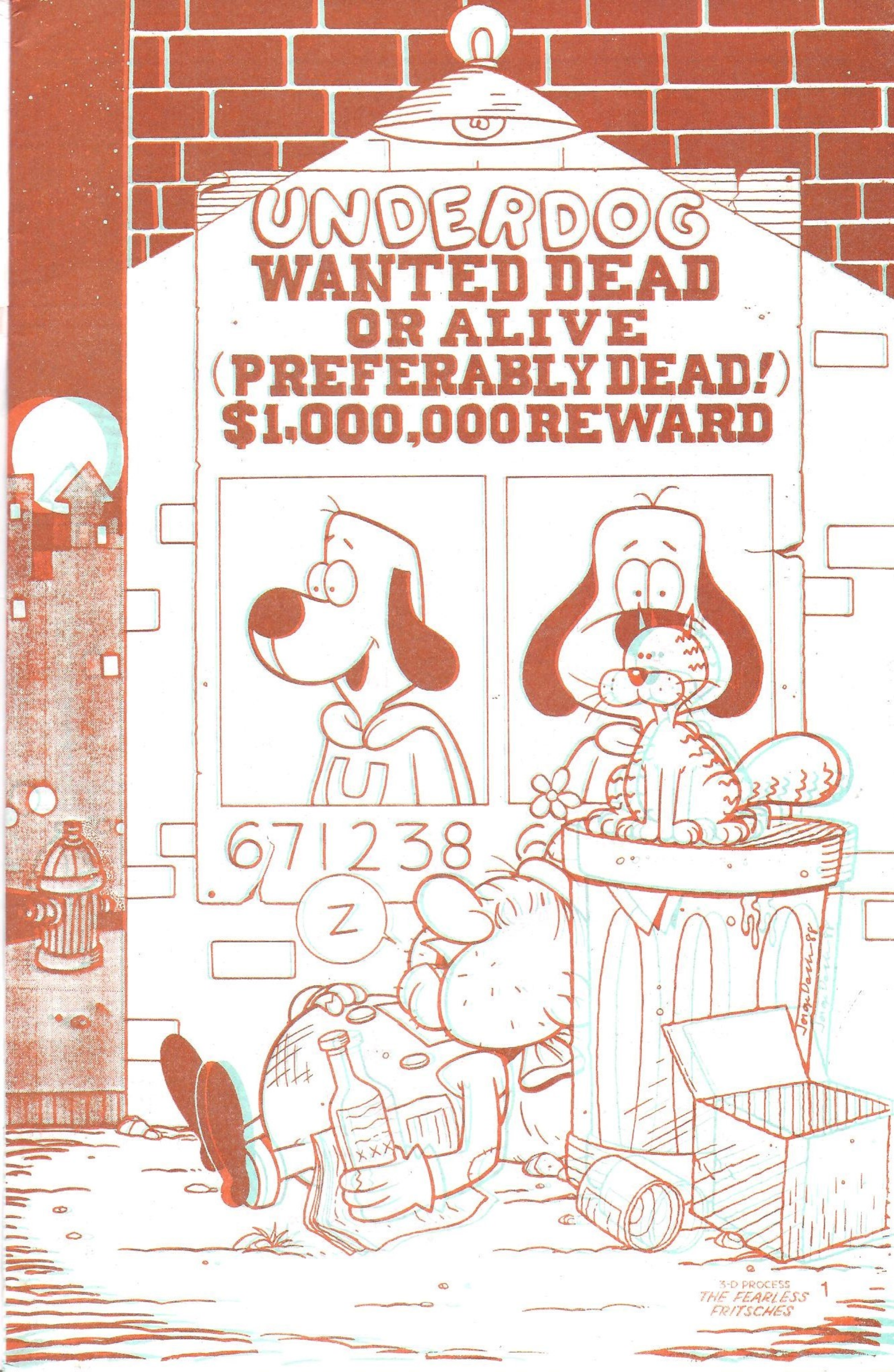
UNDERDOG
WANTED DEAD
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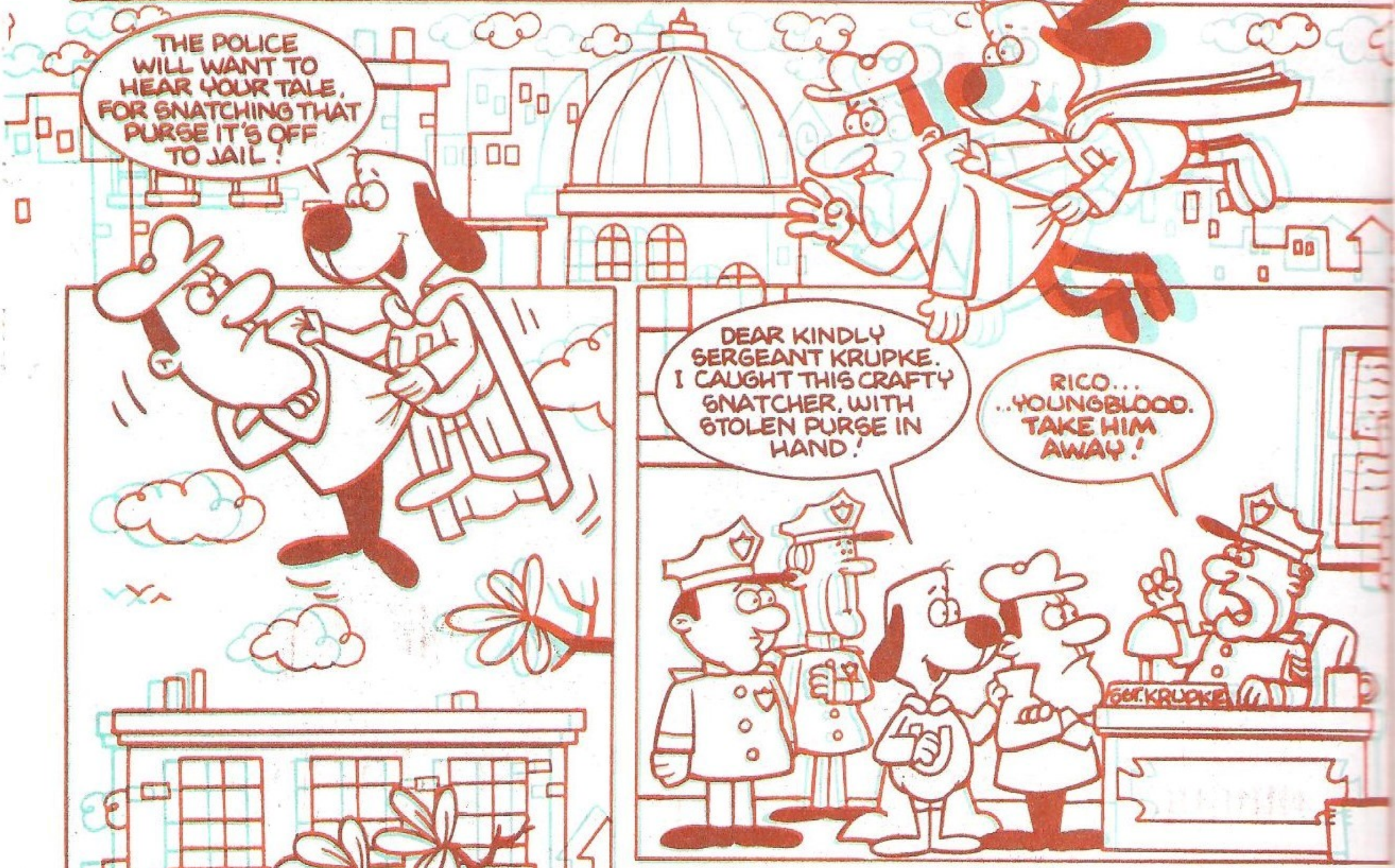
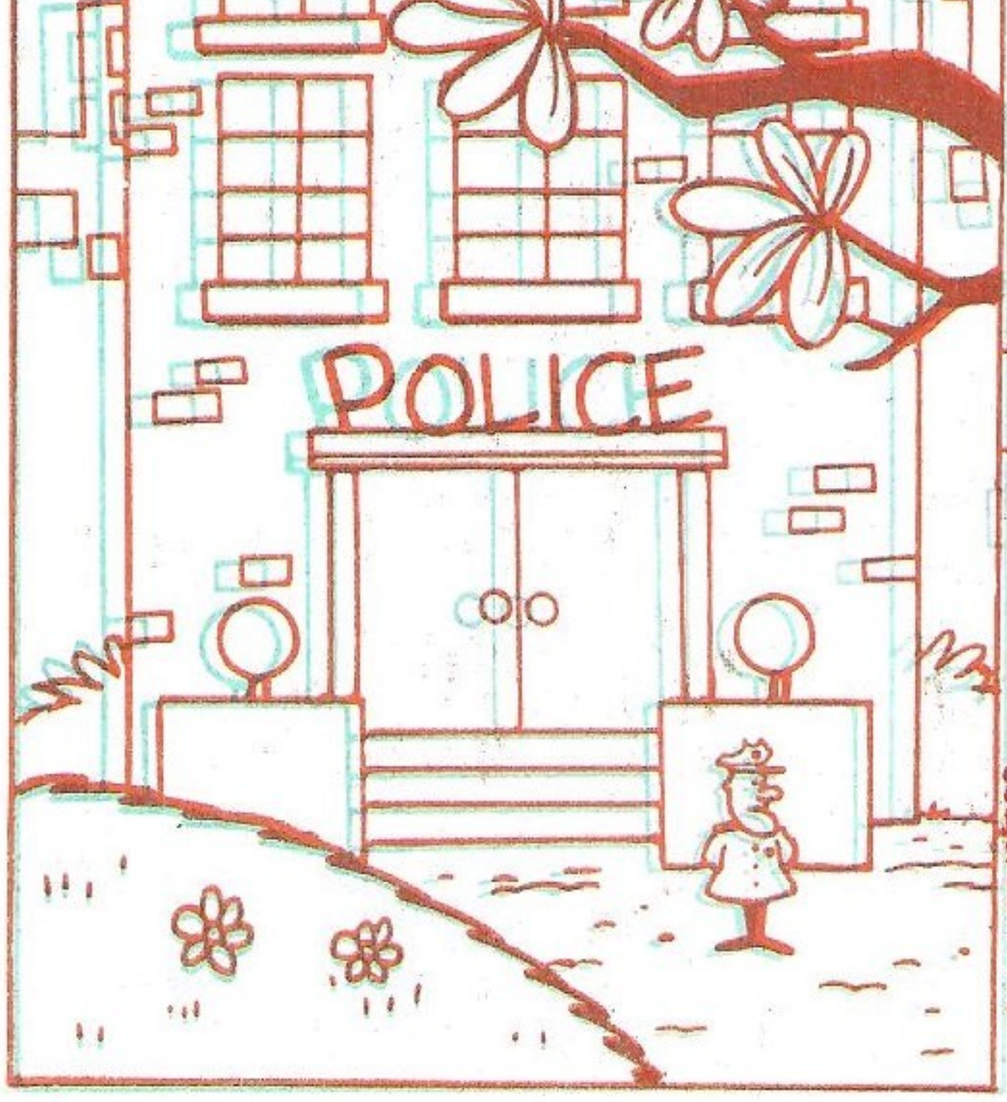
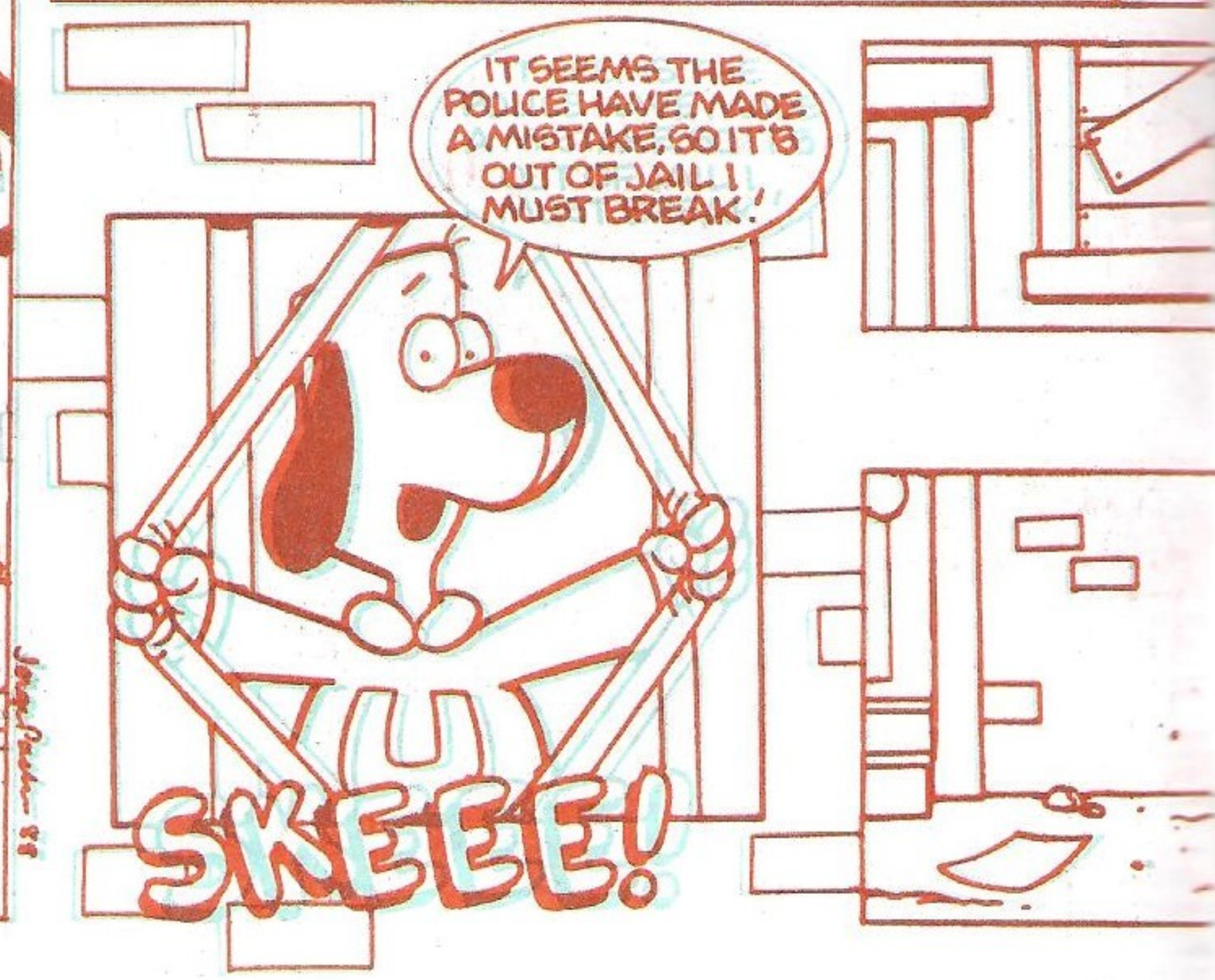
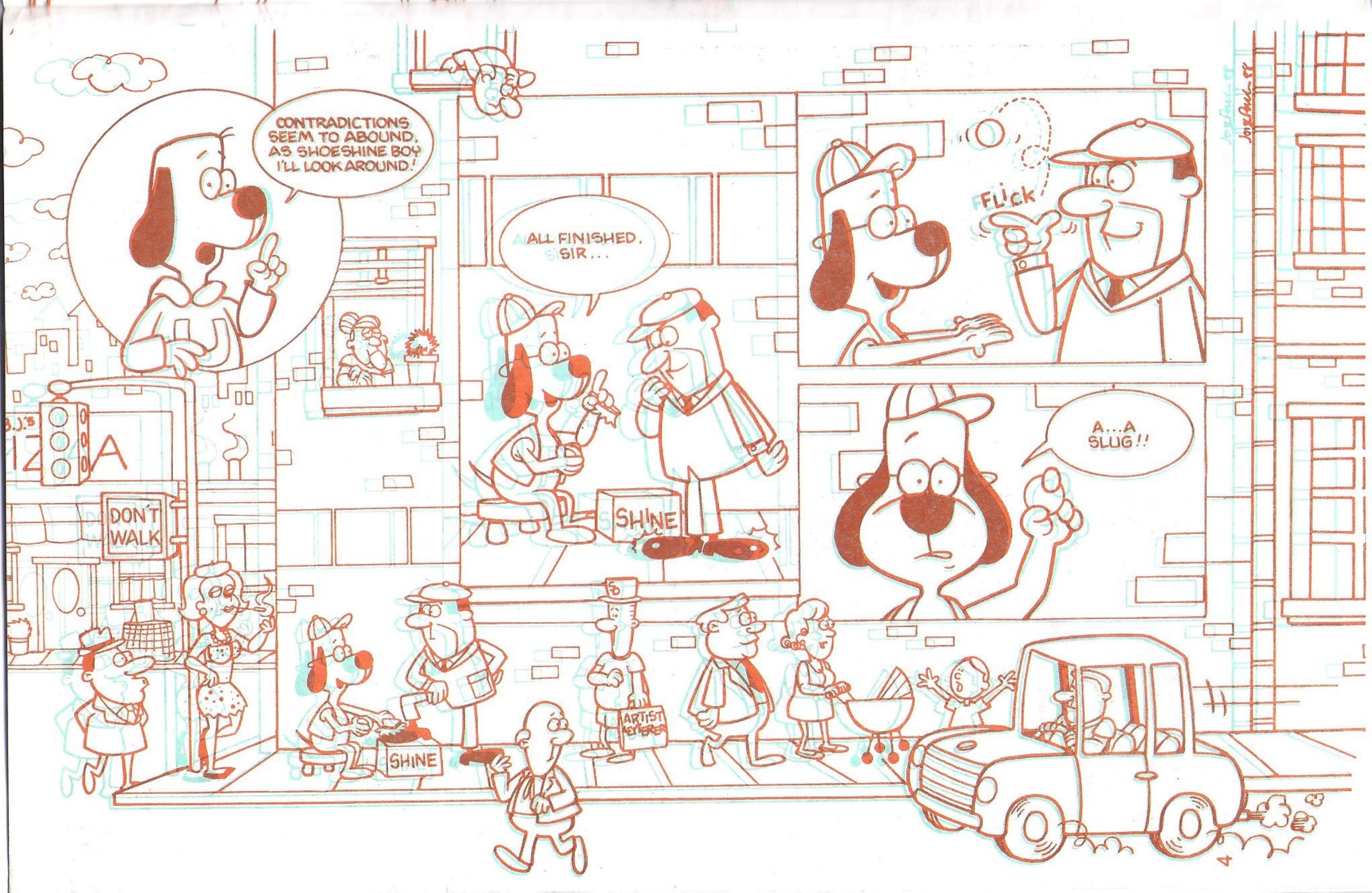
HELP, POLICE! I'VE BEEN ROBBED!!


THE POLICE WILL WANT TO HEAR YOUR TALE, FOR SNATCHING THAT PURSE IT'S OFF TO JAIL!
DEAR KINDLY SERGEANT KRUPKE. I CAUGHT THIS CRAFTY SNATCHER, WITH STOLEN PURSE IN HAND!
RICO... ..YOUNGBLOOD. TAKE HIM AWAY!
SGT. KRUPKE


POLICE


IT SEEMS THE POLICE HAVE MADE A MISTAKE, SO IT'S OUT OF JAIL! MUST BREAK!
SKEEE!

WHAA!!?
MINUTES LATER...
HUH!?
THIS MUST BE SOME CRUEL JOKE I SEE, FOR SURELY THIS COULD NEVER BE!!
RE-ELECT
RIFF RAFF
FOR
MAYOR


CONTRADICTIONS SEEM TO ABOUND, AS SHOESHINE BOY I'LL LOOK AROUND!
ALL FINISHED, SIR...
FLICK
A...A SLUG!!
DON'T WALK
SHINE
SHINE
ARTIST

MINUTES LATER...

DON'T WALK

WALK

HMMM...

WALK

WHAA?!?

HONK

HONK

BEEP HONK BEEP

HAHAHA!

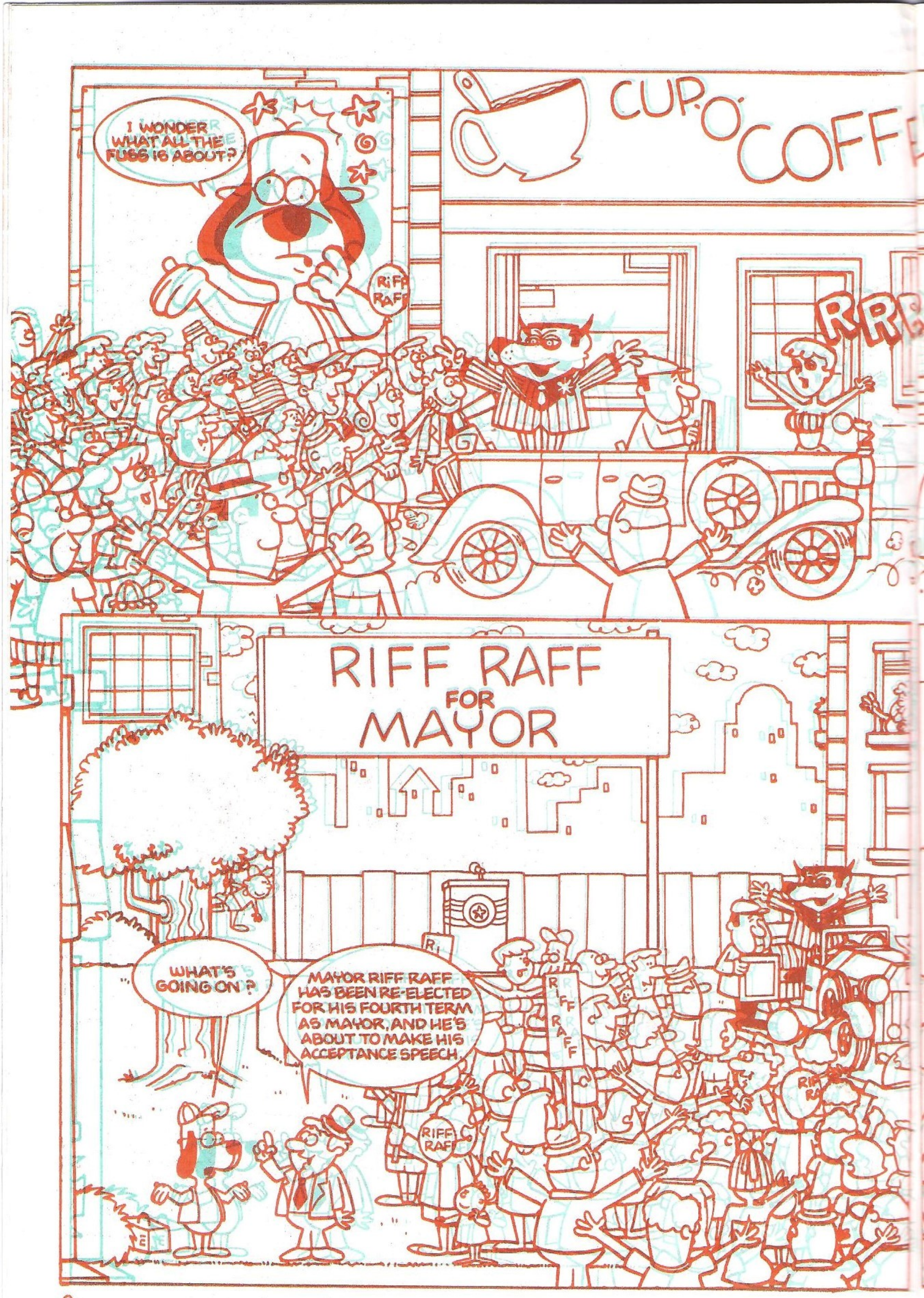
ZIP

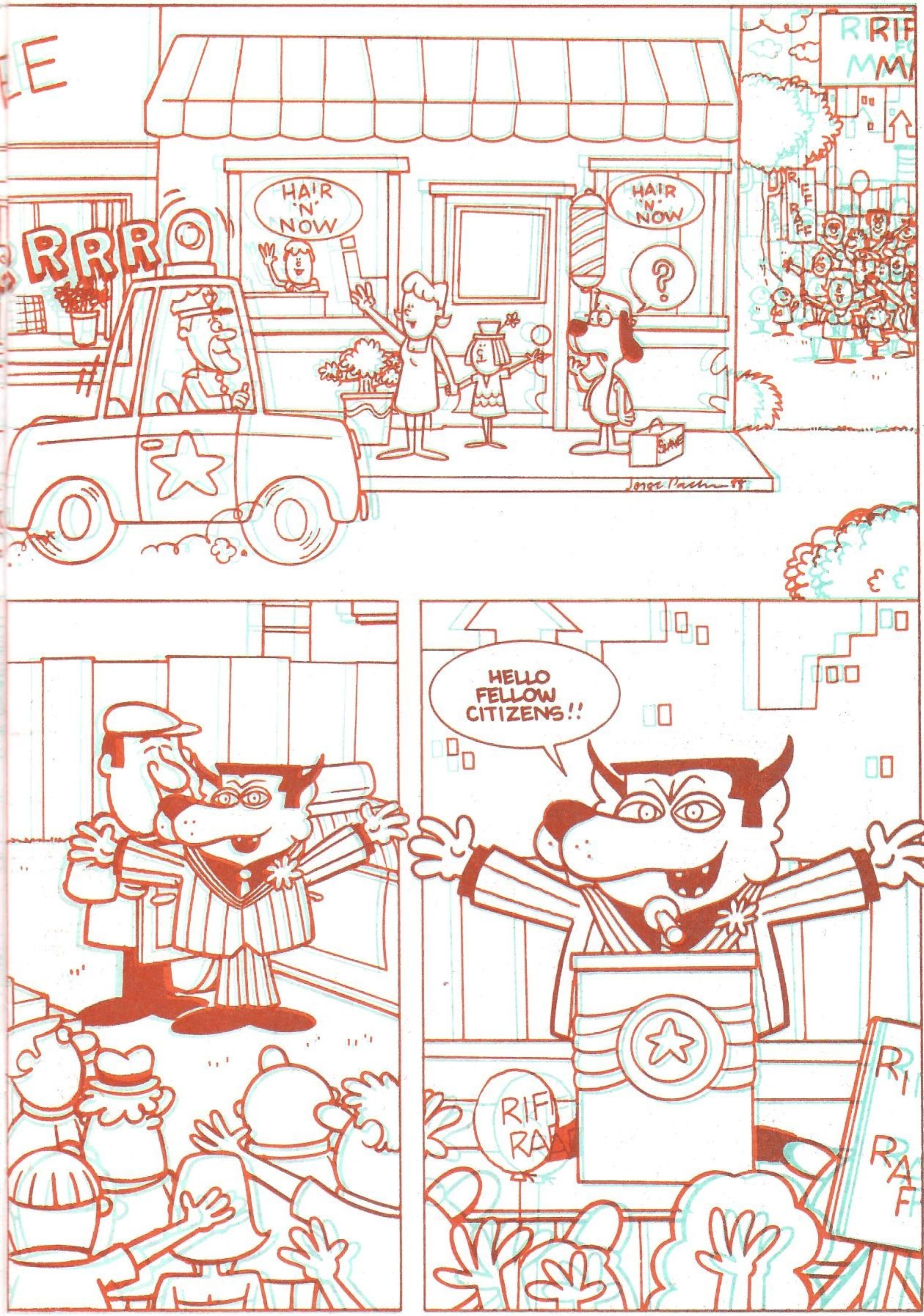
LET ME HELP YOU!

VROOM ZOOM

SHINE

WHAAP! WHAAP WHAAP!


I WONDER WHAT ALL THE FUSS IS ABOUT?
RIFF RAFF
CUP-O-COFF
RIFF RAFF FOR MAYOR
WHAT'S GOING ON?
MAYOR RIFF RAFF HAS BEEN RE-ELECTED FOR HIS FOURTH TERM AS MAYOR, AND HE'S ABOUT TO MAKE HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH.
RIFF RAFF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HAIR 'N' NOW
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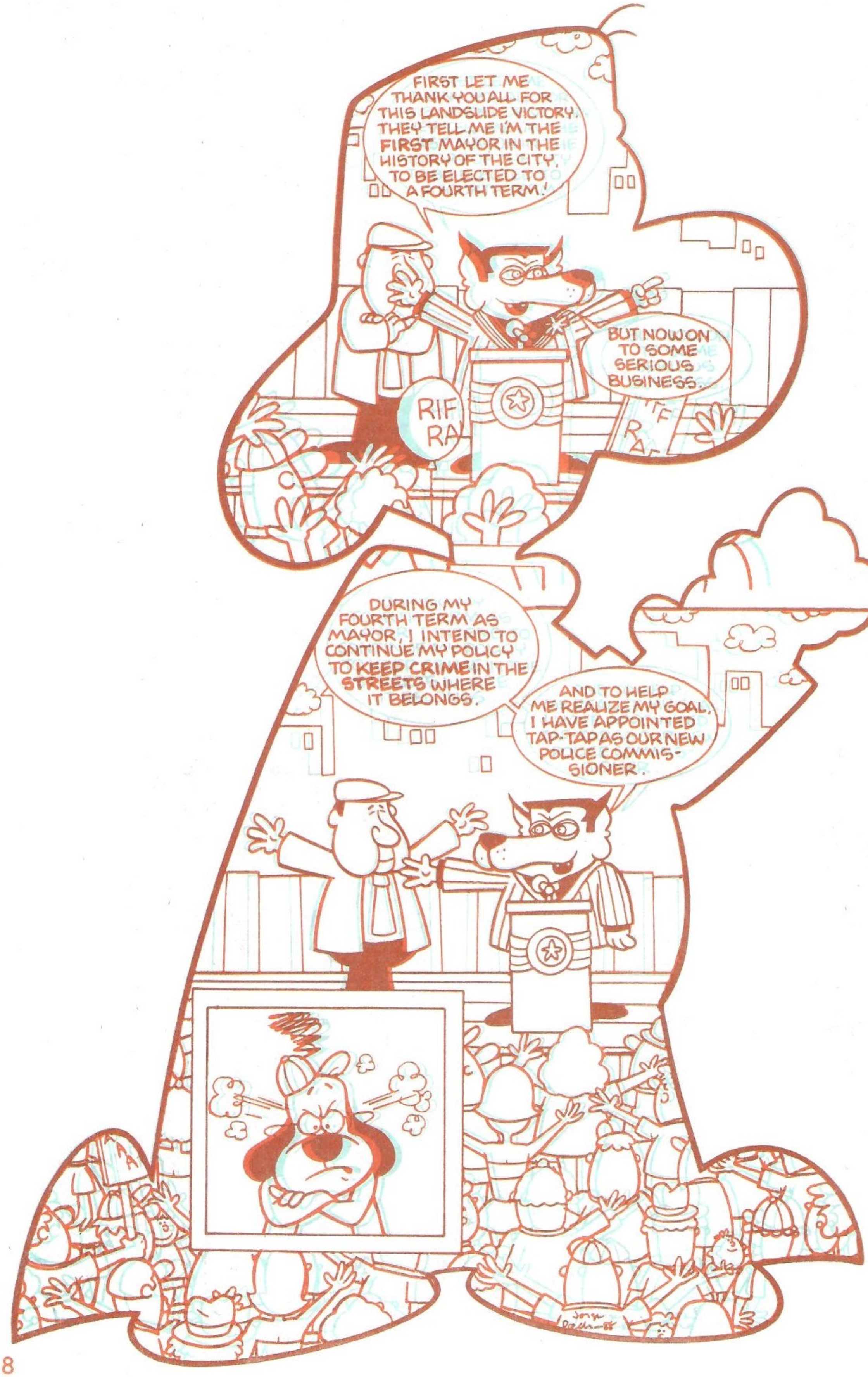
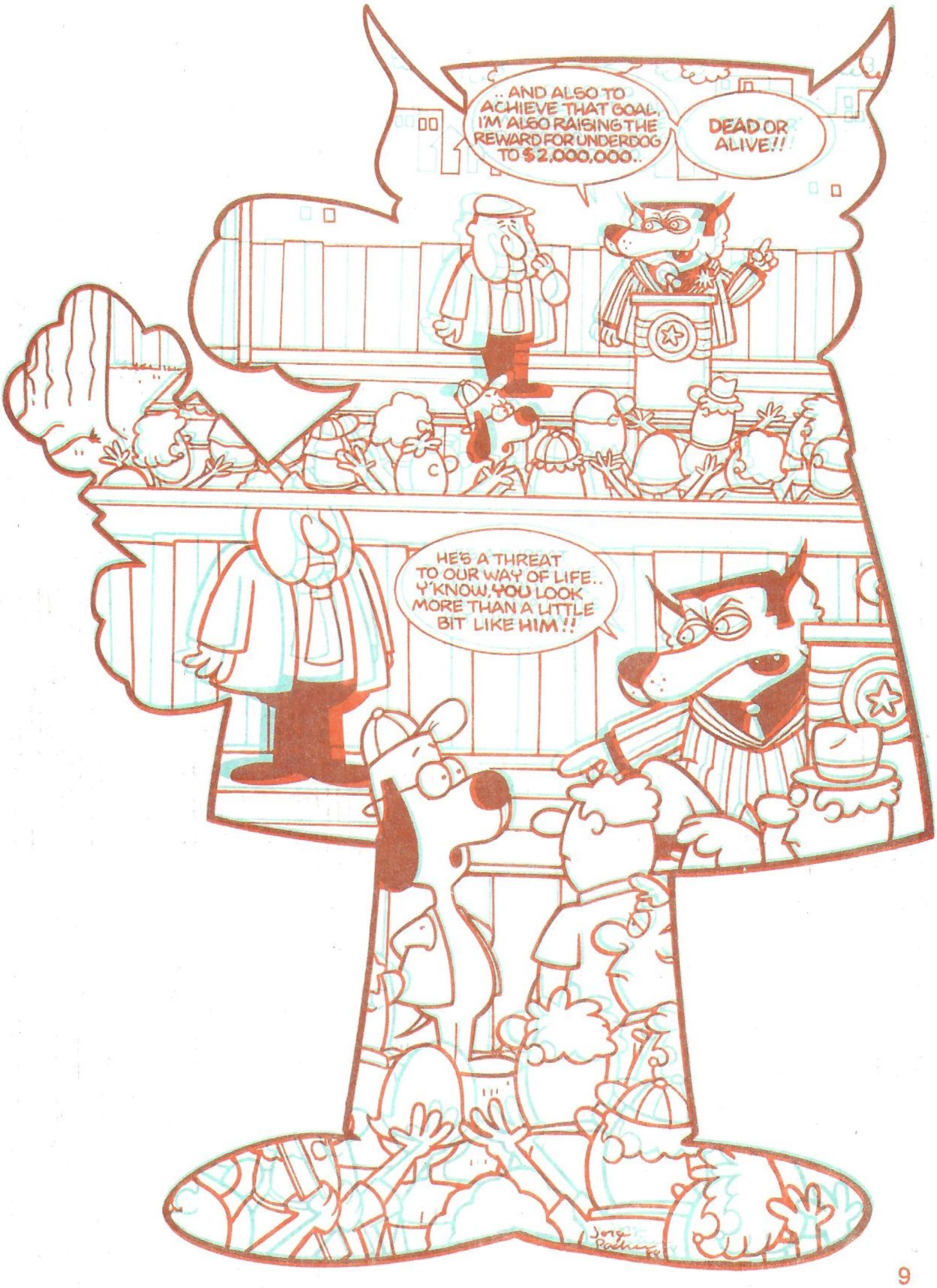
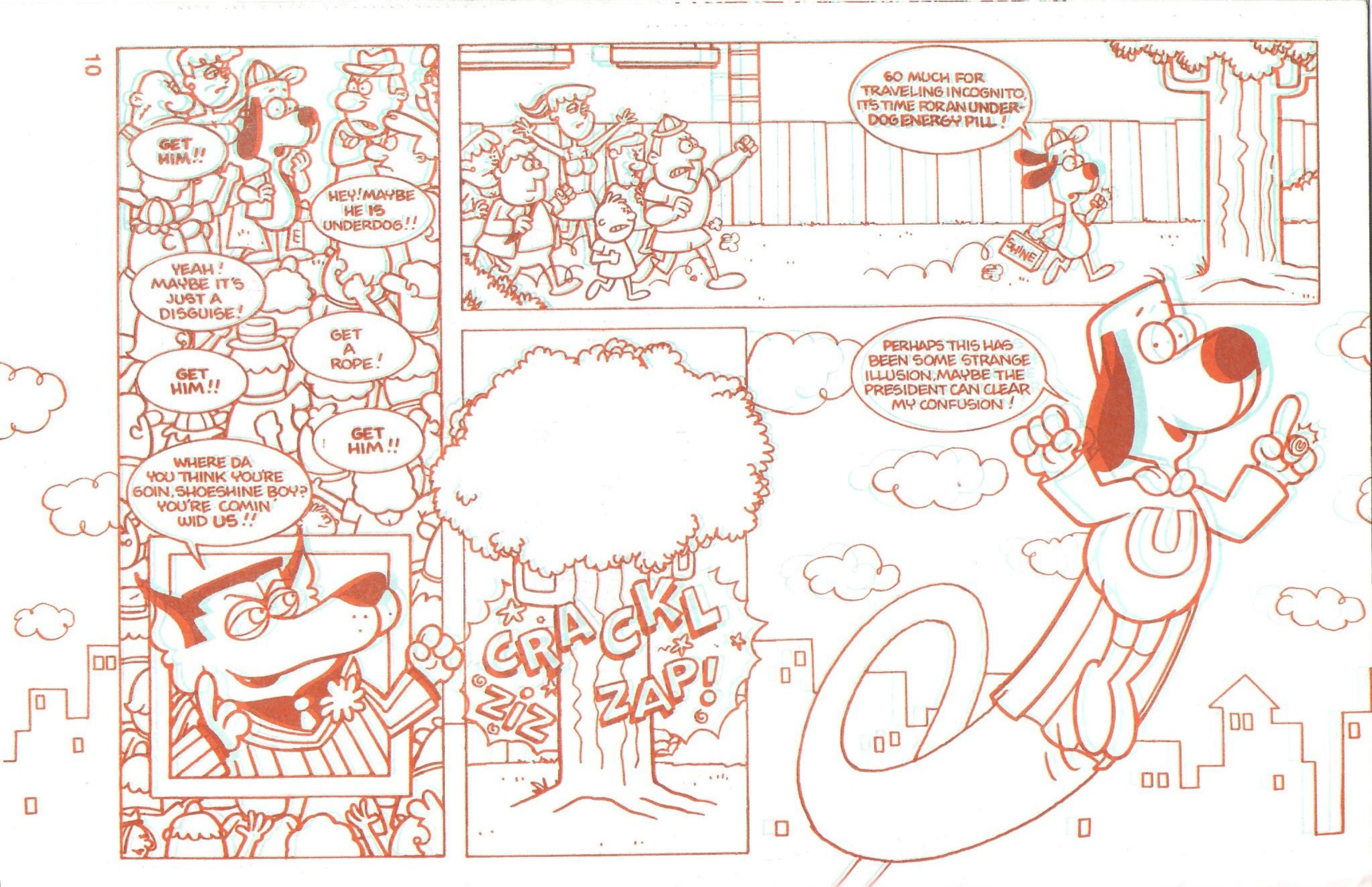
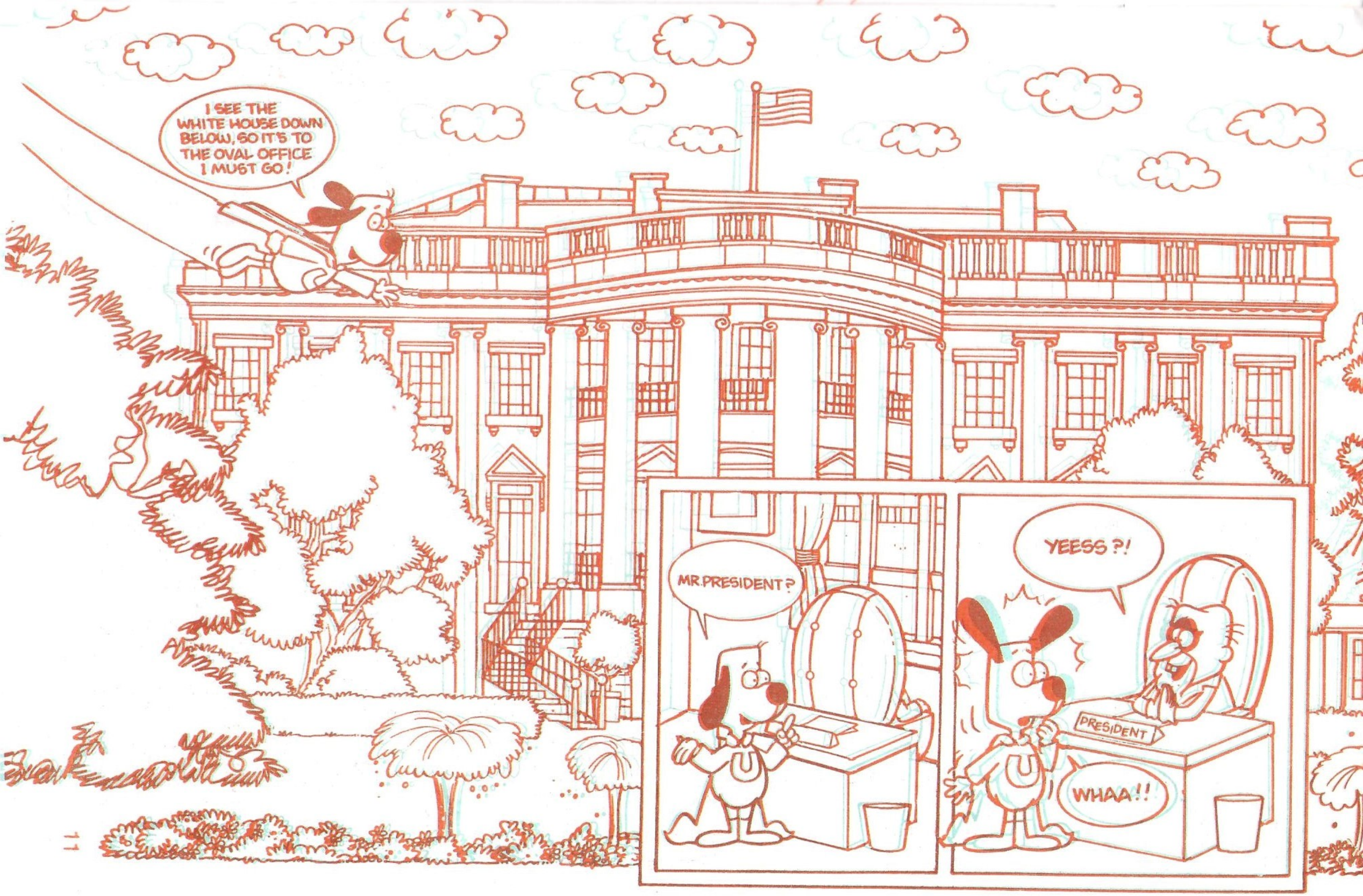
?
RIFF RAFF
HELLO FELLOW CITIZENS!!
RIF RA
RI RAF

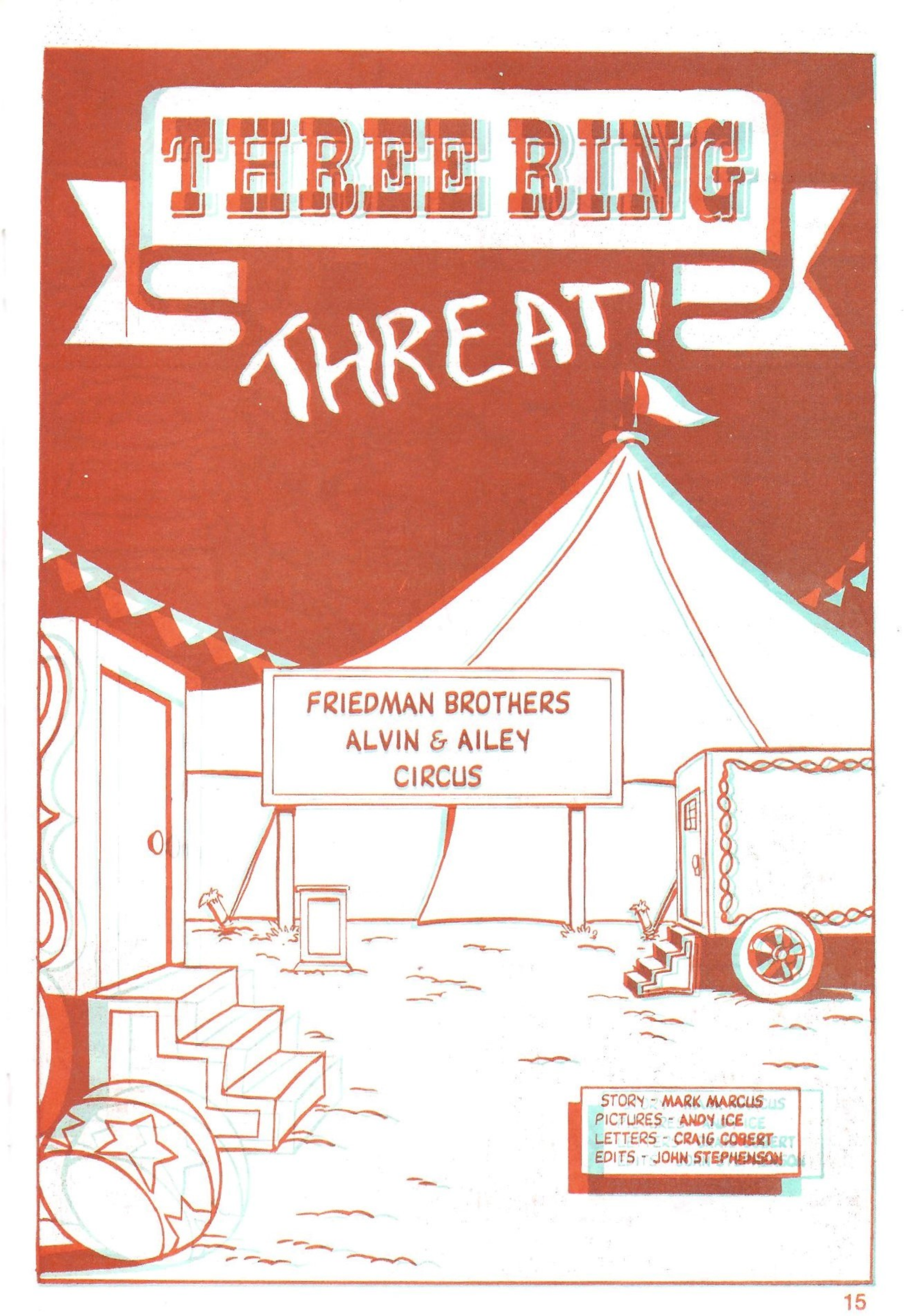

FIRST LET ME THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS LANDSLIDE VICTORY. THEY TELL ME I'M THE FIRST MAYOR IN THE HISTORY OF THE CITY, TO BE ELECTED TO A FOURTH TERM!
BUT NOW ON TO SOME SERIOUS BUSINESS.
RIF RA
DURING MY FOURTH TERM AS MAYOR, I INTEND TO CONTINUE MY POLICY TO KEEP CRIME IN THE STREETS WHERE IT BELONGS.
AND TO HELP ME REALIZE MY GOAL, I HAVE APPOINTED TAP-TAP AS OUR NEW POLICE COMMISSIONER.


.. AND ALSO TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL, I'M ALSO RAISING THE REWARD FOR UNDERDOG TO $2,000,000..
DEAD OR ALIVE!!
HE'S A THREAT TO OUR WAY OF LIFE.. Y'KNOW, YOU LOOK MORE THAN A LITTLE BIT LIKE HIM!!


GET HIM!!
HEY! MAYBE HE IS UNDERDOG!!
YEAH! MAYBE IT'S JUST A DISGUISE!
GET A ROPE!
GET HIM!!
GET HIM!!
WHERE DA YOU THINK YOU'RE GOIN, SHOESHINE BOY? YOU'RE COMIN' WID US!!
SO MUCH FOR TRAVELING INCOGNITO, IT'S TIME FOR AN UNDERDOG ENERGY PILL!
SHINE
CRACKL
ZIZ
ZAP!
PERHAPS THIS HAS BEEN SOME STRANGE ILLUSION. MAYBE THE PRESIDENT CAN CLEAR MY CONFUSION!


I SEE THE WHITE HOUSE DOWN BELOW, SO IT'S TO THE OVAL OFFICE I MUST GO!
MR. PRESIDENT?
YEESS ?!
PRESIDENT
WHAA!!

POOF
WOW! IT ALL SEEMED SO REAL!
CLICK
CLICK
...AND IN A SURPRISE BID FOR MAYOR, THE UNLIKELY CANDIDATE IS...
NEWS
WHO'S TO SAY IT COULDN'T HAPPEN!!!??
END!


THREE RING
THREAT!
FRIEDMAN BROTHERS
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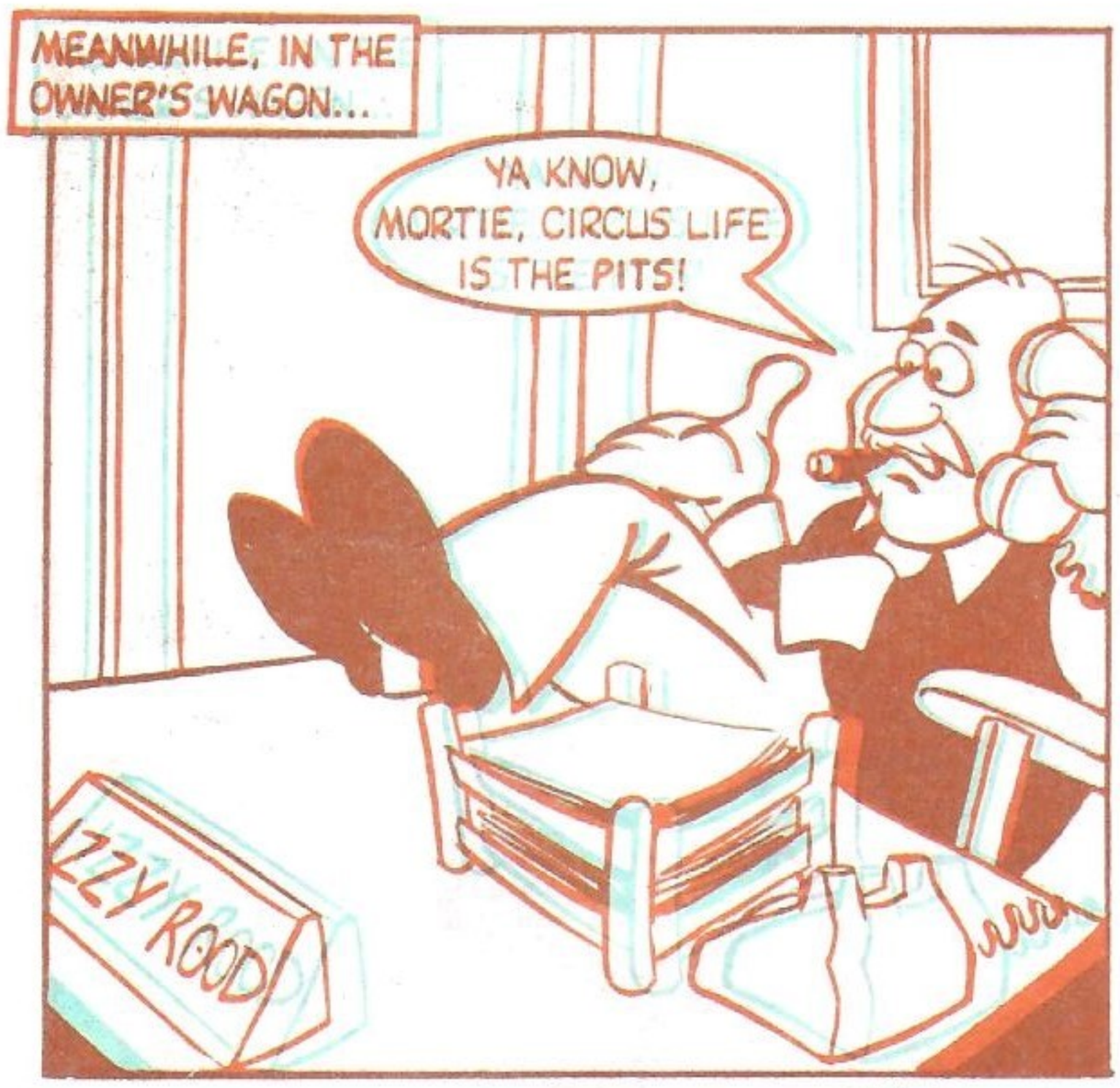
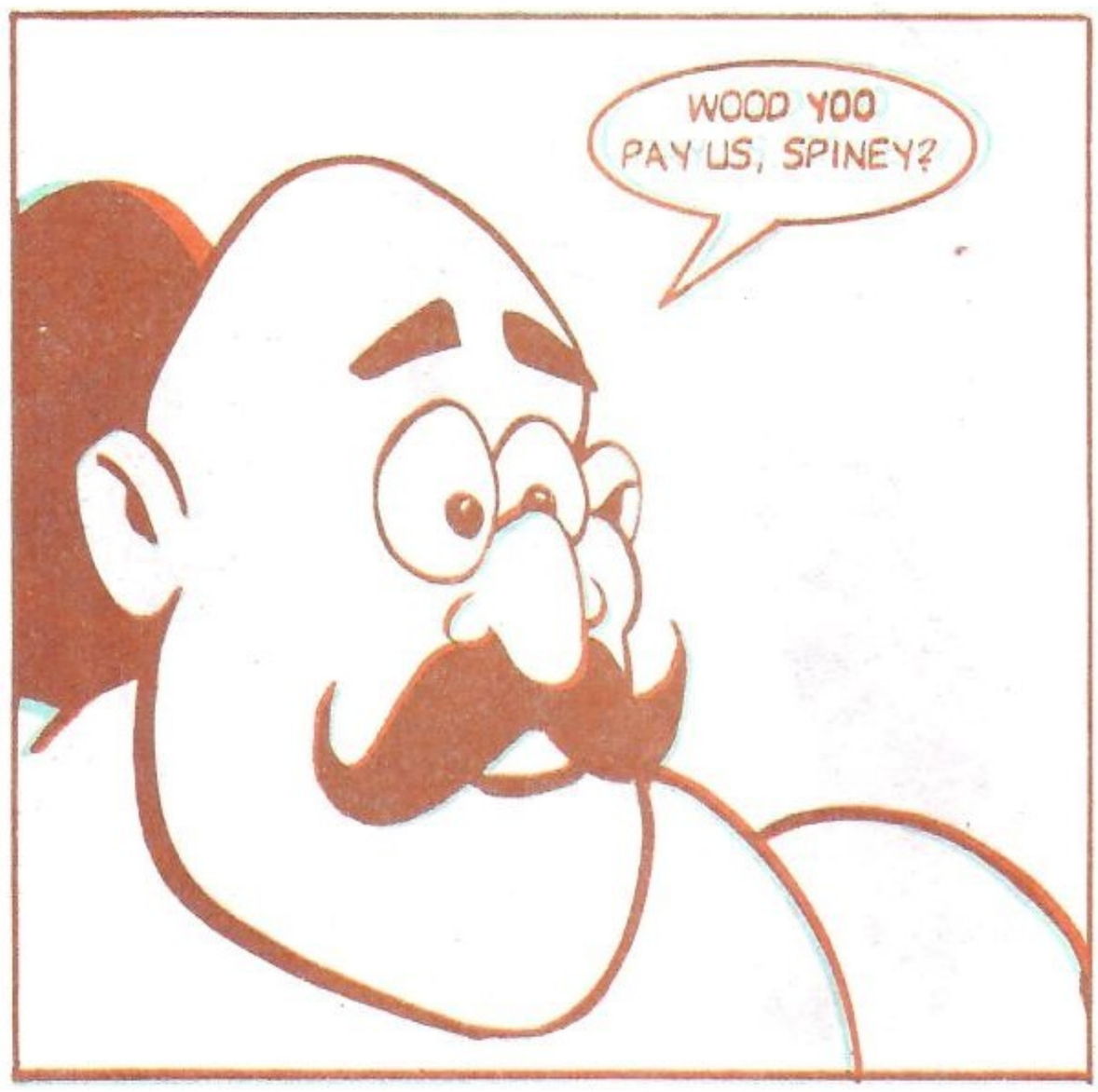
TELL YOU, TORR, I'M DISGUSTED!
DUH... WHY, SPINEY?
CIRCUS LIFE IS REALLY THE PITS!
IT'S BEEN SIX WEEKS SINCE WE BEEN PAID...
...AND IT'LL BE ANOTHER SIX WEEKS THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING!


MEANWHILE, IN THE OWNER'S WAGON...
YA KNOW, MORTIE, CIRCUS LIFE IS THE PITS!
ZZY ROOD

I AIN'T PAID ANYONE IN SIX WEEKS...
...AND I PROBABLY WON'T FOR ANOTHER SIX...

GOSH, DAD! CAN I JOIN THE CIRCUS SOMEDAY?
NAAH, SON. THEY ONLY PAY YOU EVERY TWELVE WEEKS!

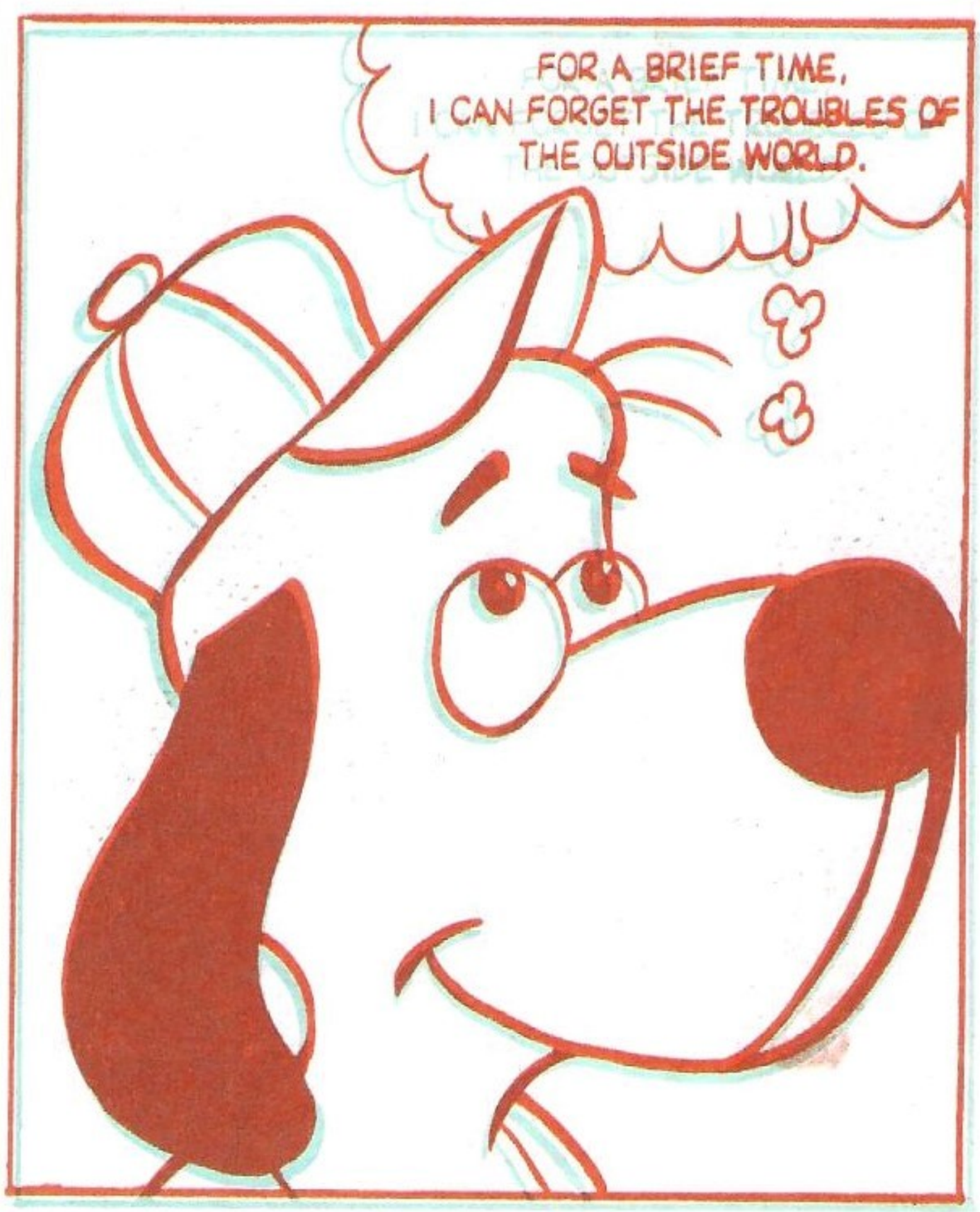
IF I RAN THINGS, THEY'D BE A LOT DIFFERENT!


WOOD YOO PAY US, SPINEY?

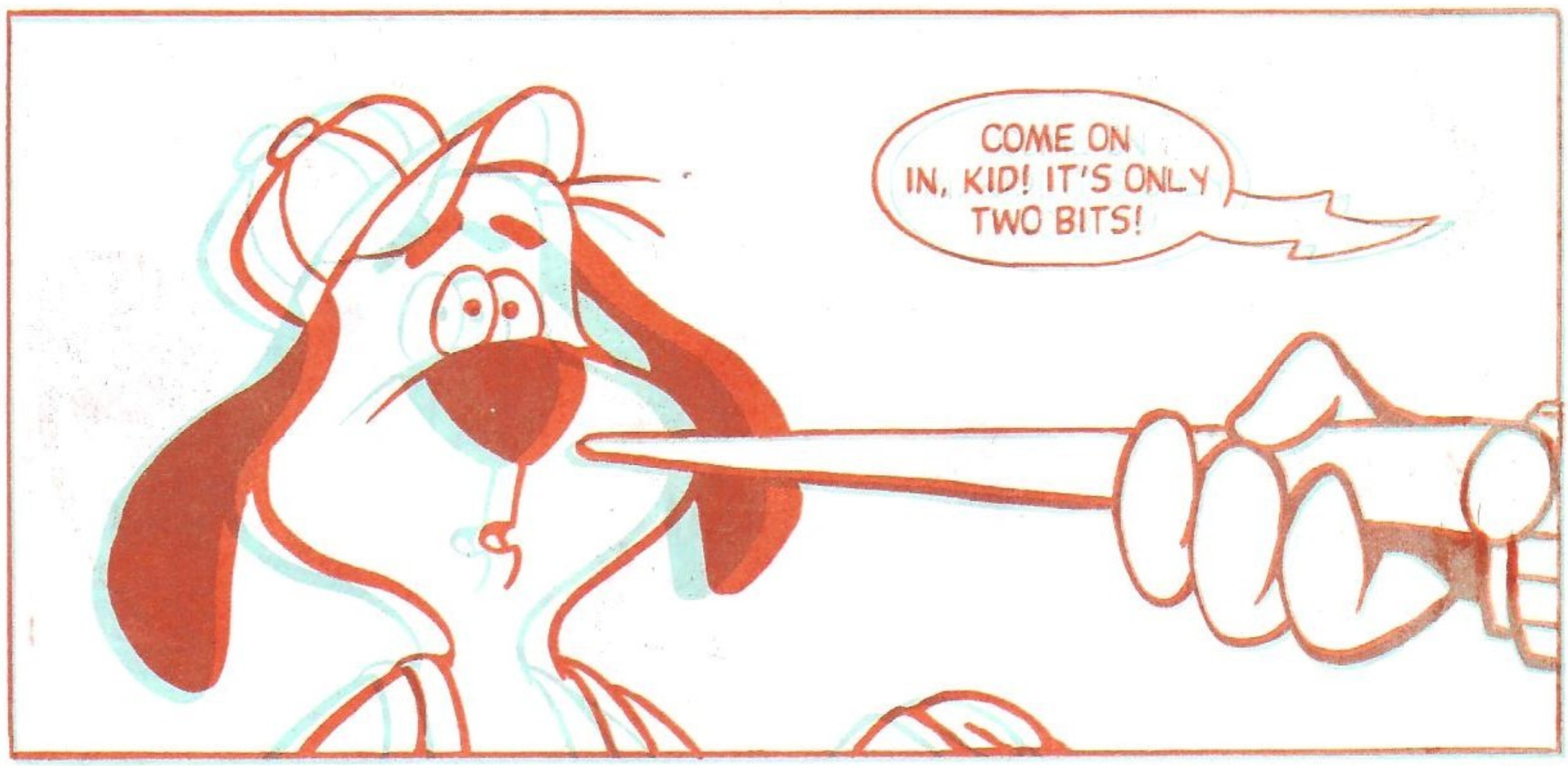
AHHH, WE'RE JUST DREAMIN'.
IT'D TAKE A REAL DISASTER FOR US TO...
HMMM..

THE NEXT DAY

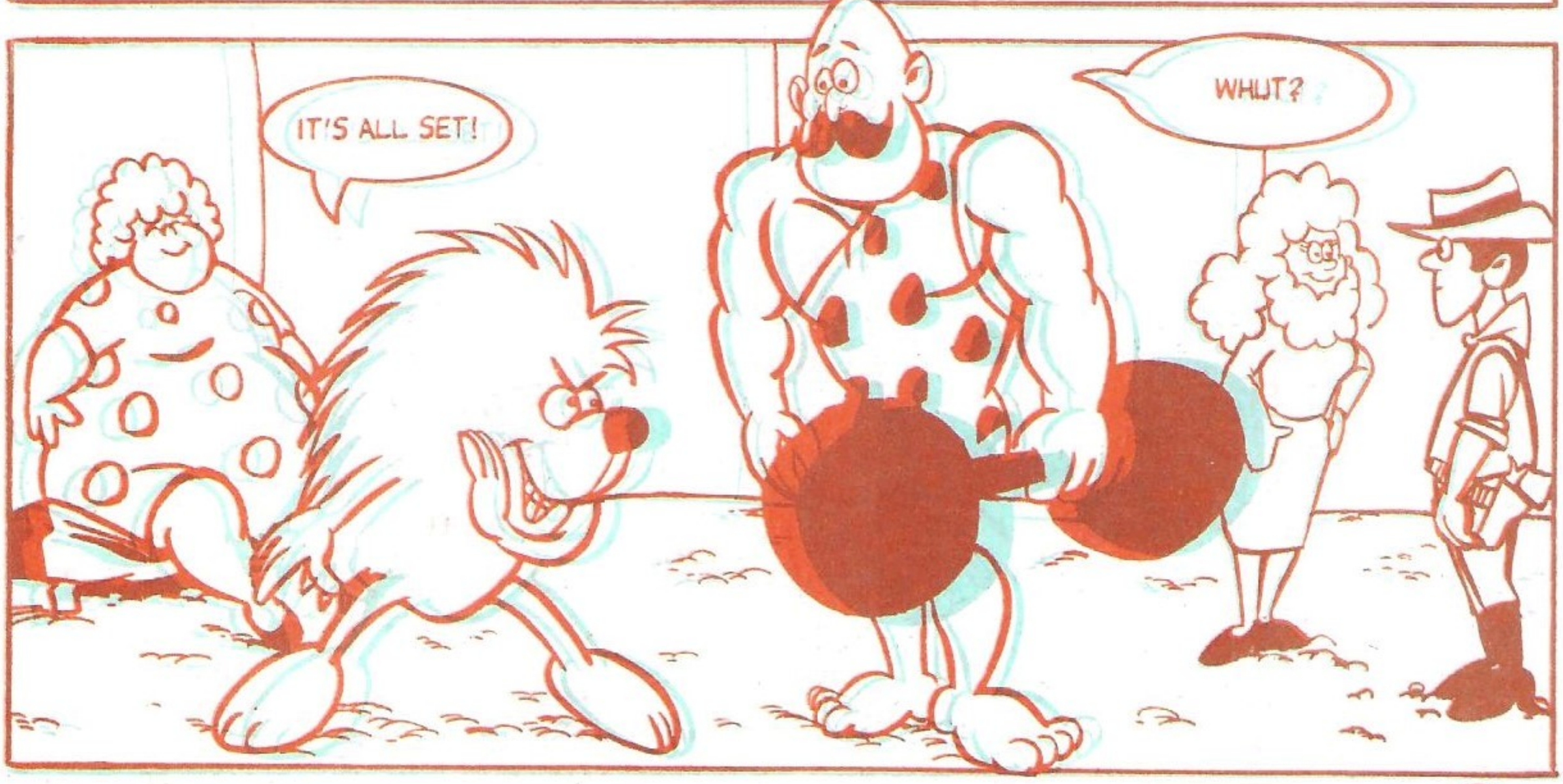
THERE'S NOTHING QUITE AS RELAXING AS A DAY AT THE CIRCUS.


FOR A BRIEF TIME, I CAN FORGET THE TROUBLES OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

STEP RIGHT UP!
SEE TORR, THE WORLD'S STRONGEST MAN! SEE JO-JO, THE DOG-FACED BOY!
AND OF COURSE, HENRY THE HORSE DANCES THE WALTZ!
STAN THE RAT FACED BOY
SPINY NORMAN THE KNIFE THROWER
SEYMOUR GLICK WORLD'S ONLY HONEST ACCOUNTANT
TORR THE WORLD'S STRONGEST MAN
THE AMAZING LANA

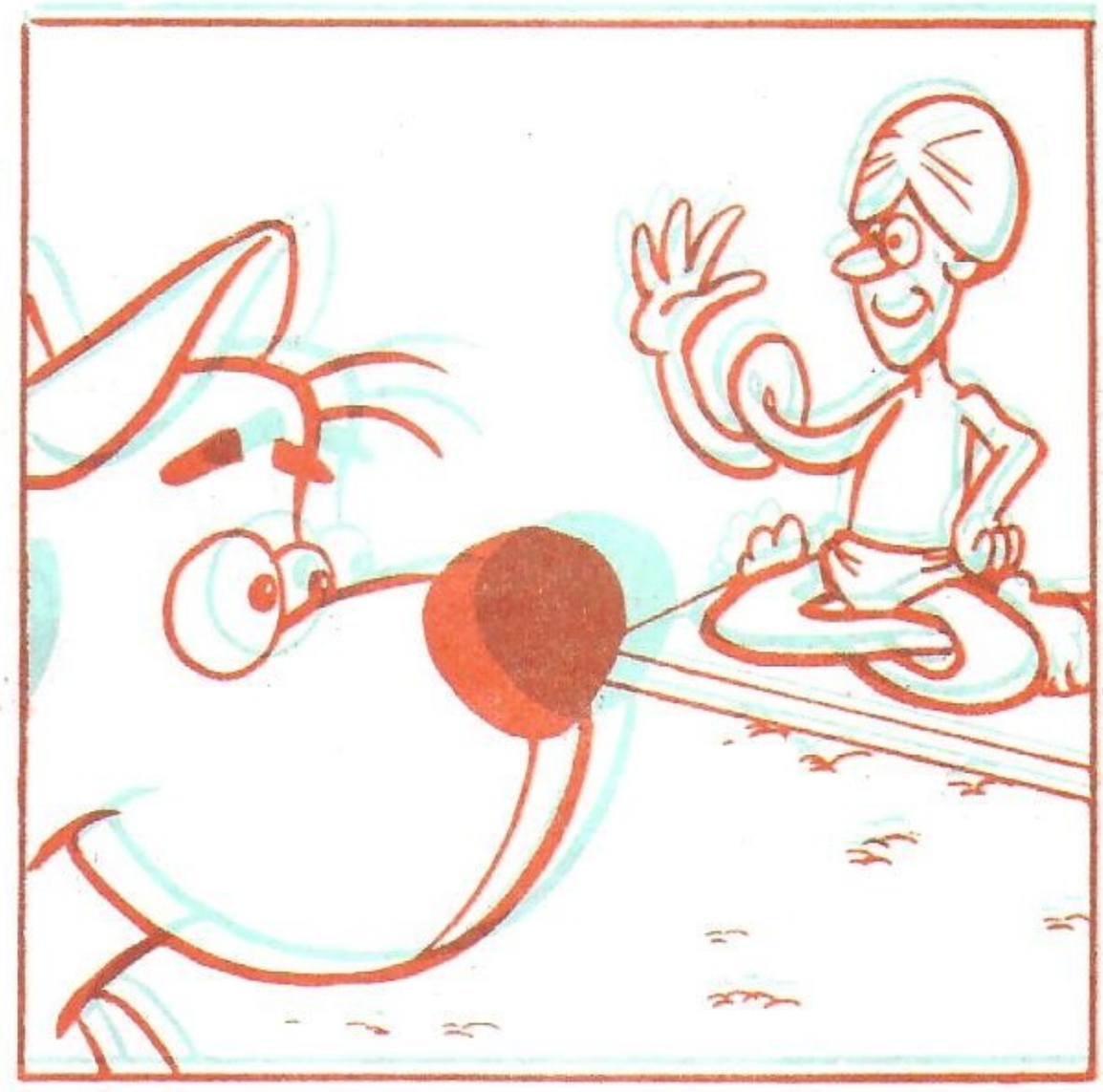

COME ON IN, KID! IT'S ONLY TWO BITS!

HERE YOU ARE, SIR.
THANK YOU, SONNY! STEP RIGHT IN!


IT'S ALL SET!
WHUT?

BY SABOTAGING THE ACTS, IZZY'S INSURANCE WILL SKYROCKET...

...AND WE'LL BUY THE CIRCUS FOR A SONG!



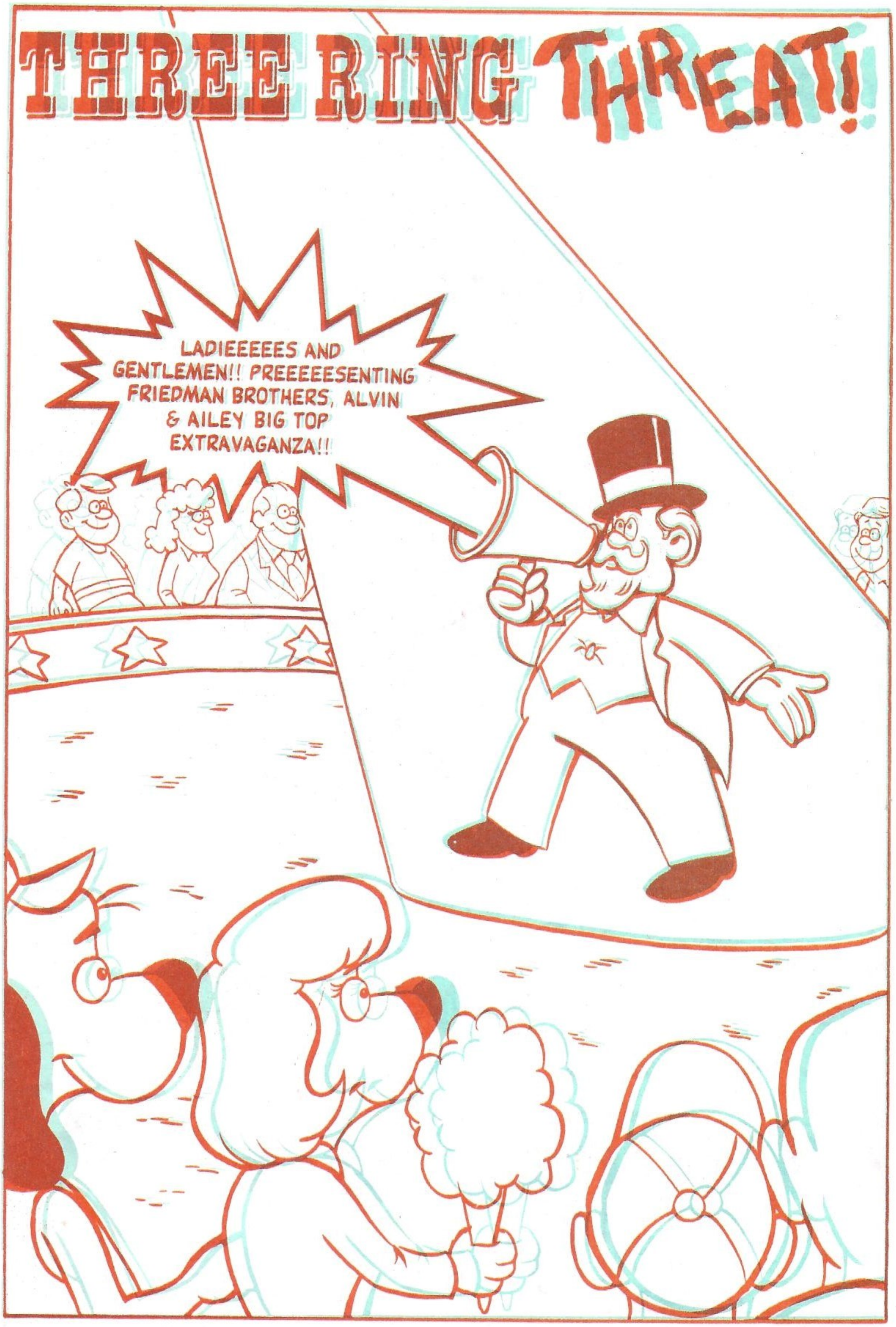
HMMMM...
AMAZING LANA THE ECDYSIAST

G-G-GOSH!!

LET'S GOT TO THE BIG TOP! WE'LL SEE THE SHOW AND GET SOME COTTON CANDY!

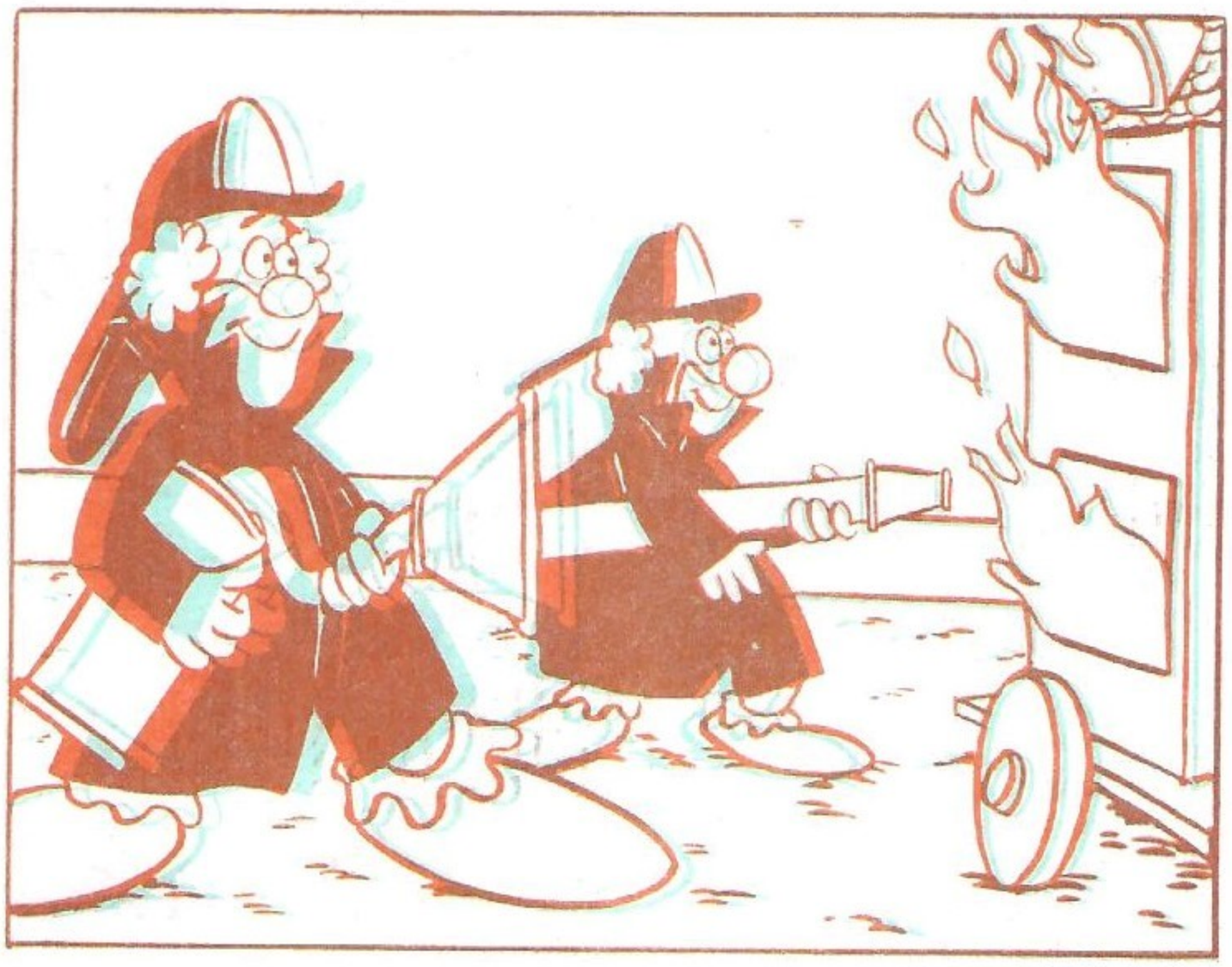
BIG TOP

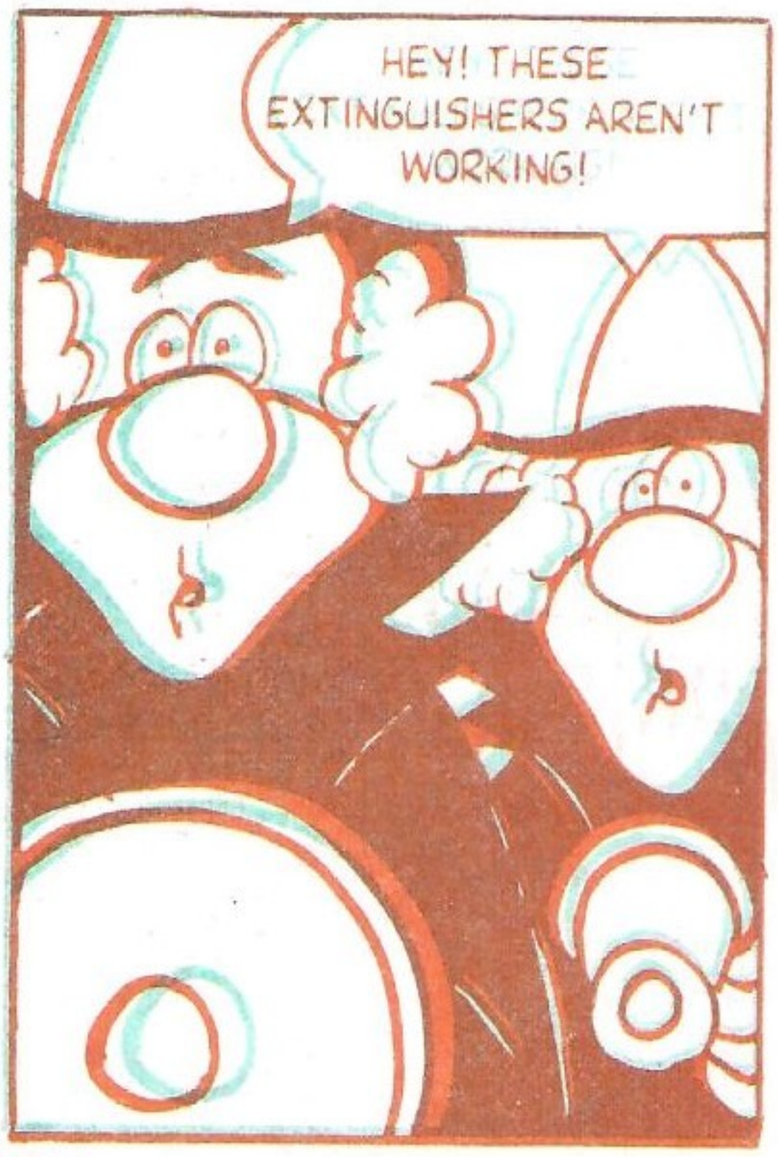
THREE RING THREAT!



OH LOOK! HERE COME THE CLOWNS!

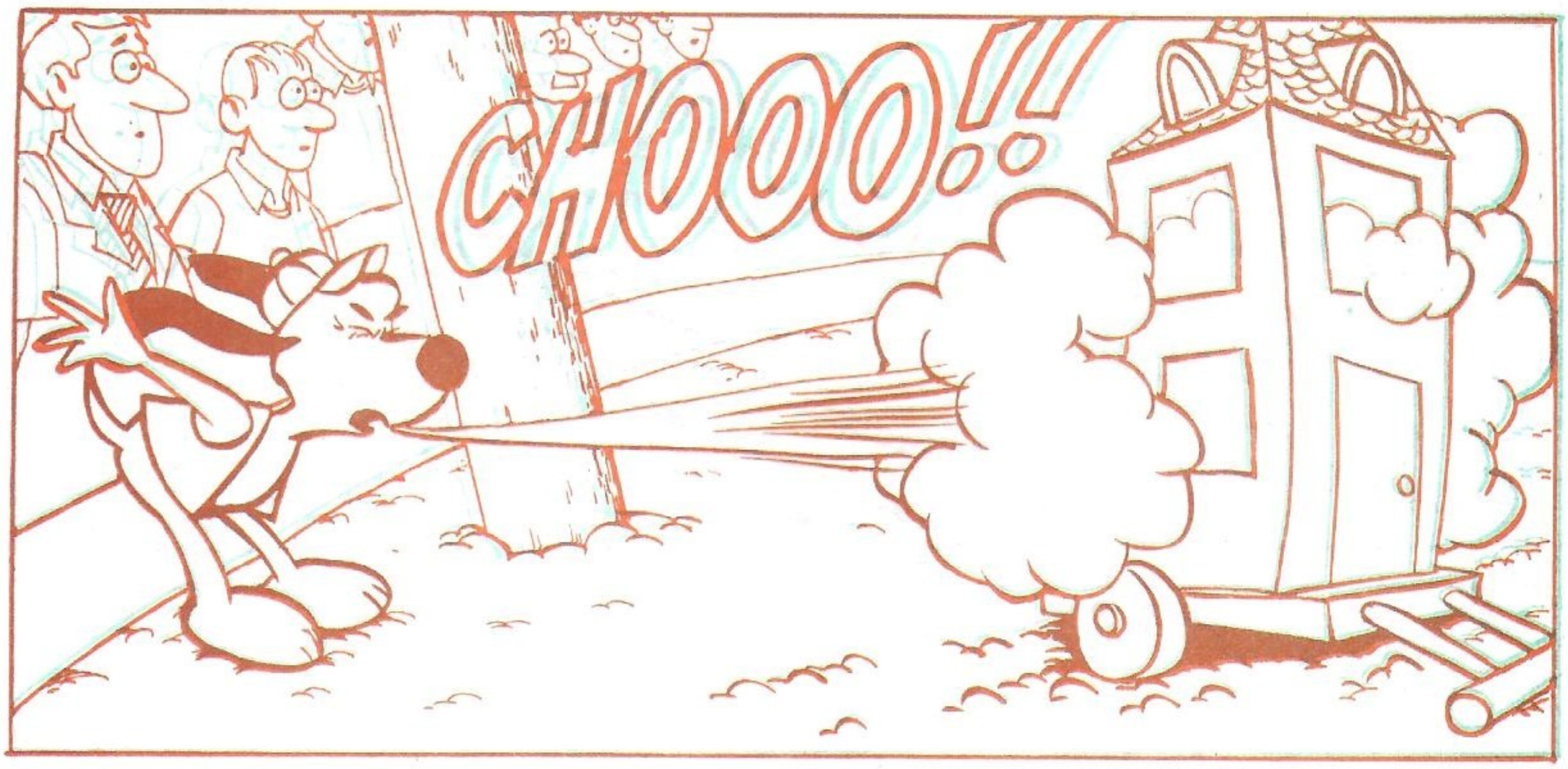
WAIT TILL THEY TRY TO PUT OUT THAT FIRE!




HEY! THESE EXTINGUISHERS AREN'T WORKING!

UH-OH! IF THOSE FLAMES GET HIGHER, THE CROWD WILL PANIC!

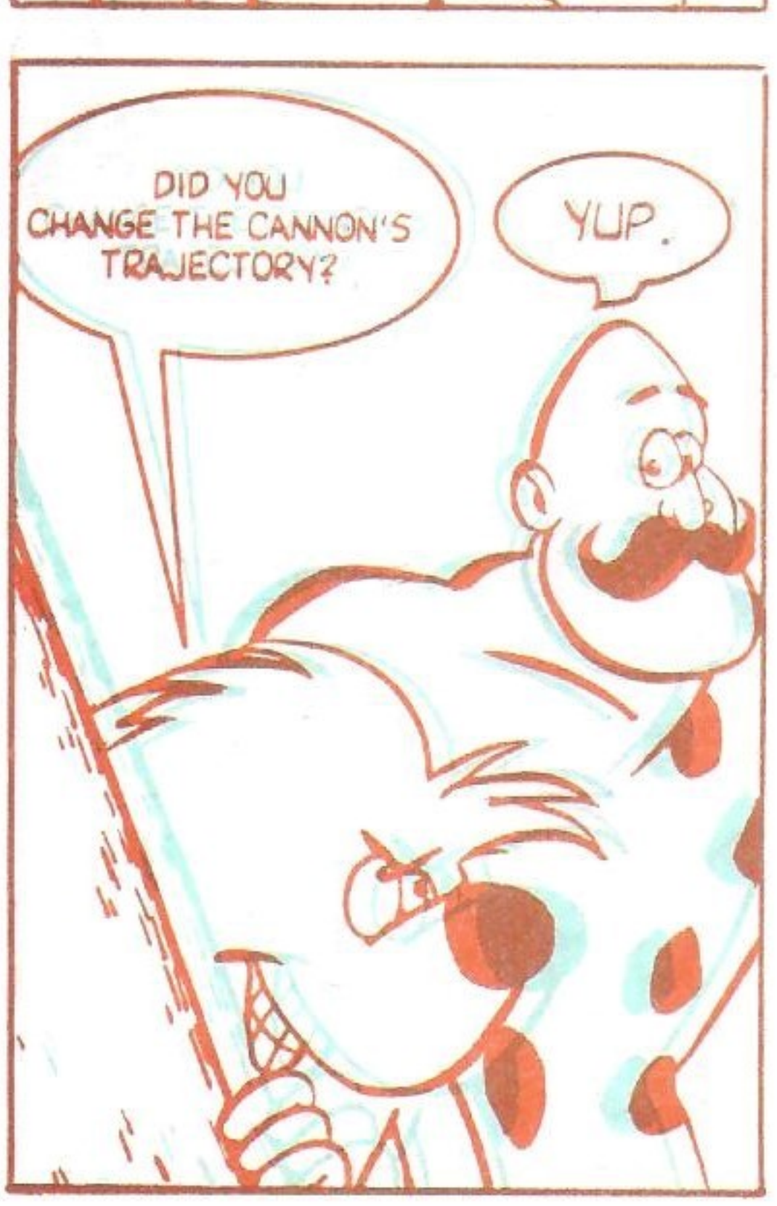
I KNOW! I'LL FEIGN A SNEEZE!
AAAHHHH..

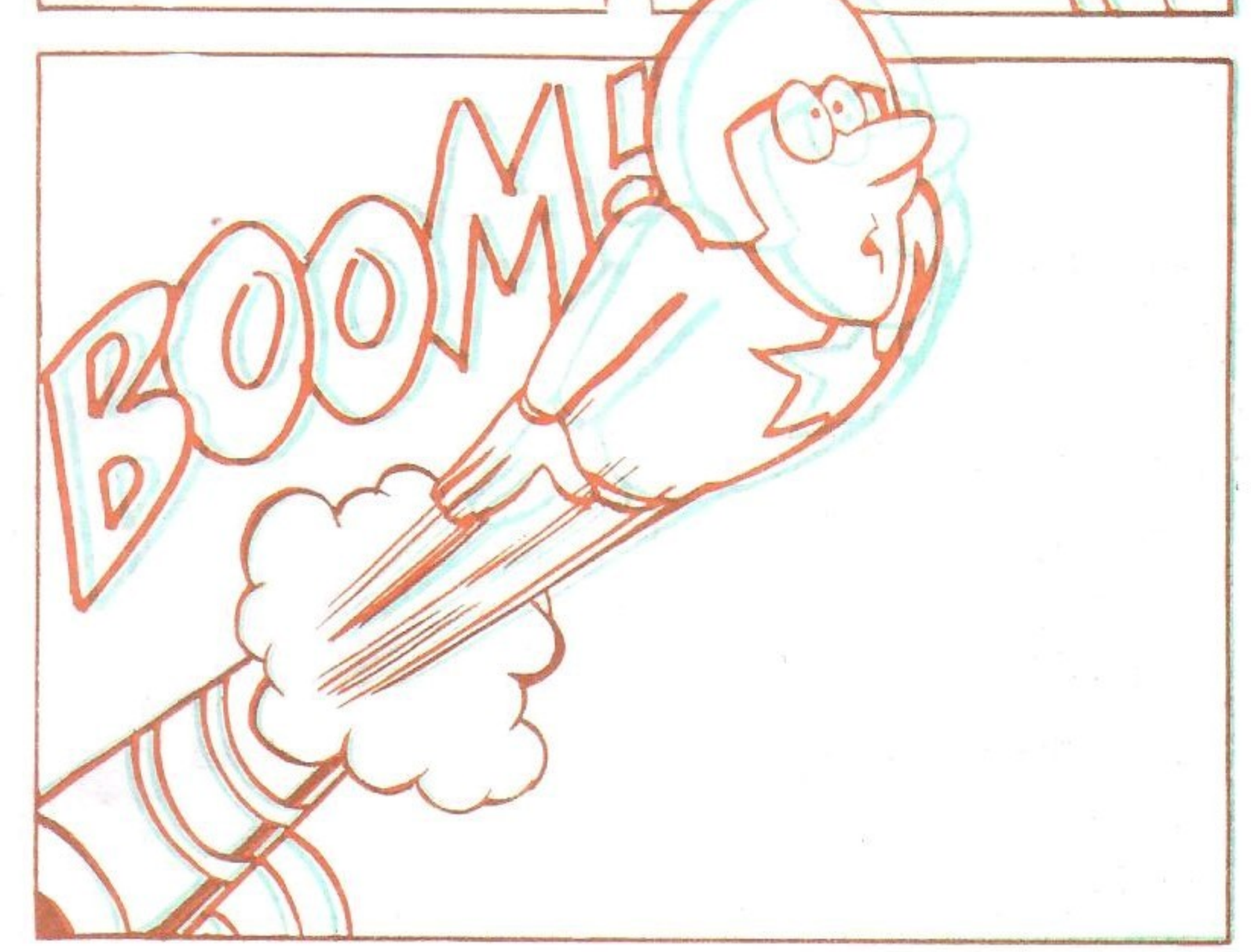

CHOOO!!

GESUNDHEIT!
THANK YOU!

AND NOW, YOUR ATTENTION TO THE CENTER RING!

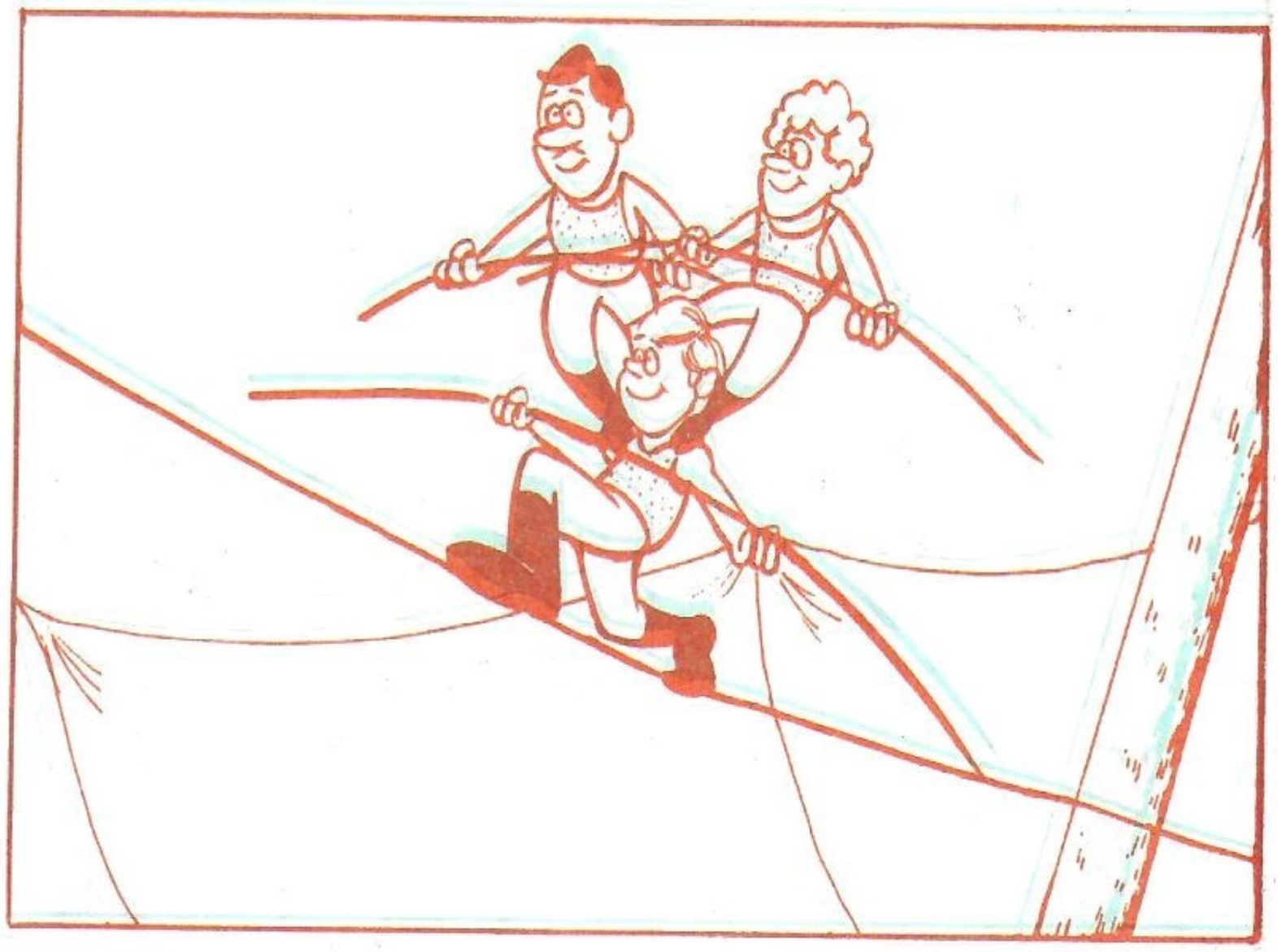
PRESENTING ADDERLY, THE HUMAN CANNONBALL!


DID YOU CHANGE THE CANNON'S TRAJECTORY?
YUP.


BOOM!

RRRRUPP!!*
SOUND EFFECTS COURTESY LEONARD STARR.
OH THAT POOR MAN!
TWO ACCIDENTS IN A ROW! I'D BETTER LOOK INTO THIS!
BUT HOW TO GET AWAY FROM POLLY?
EXCUSE ME, SHOESHINE, BUT I SHOULD INVESTIGATE THIS!
UH... SURE!
WHEW!
IT'S TIME FOR UNDERDOG!
IT'S ABOUT TIME!-JOHN

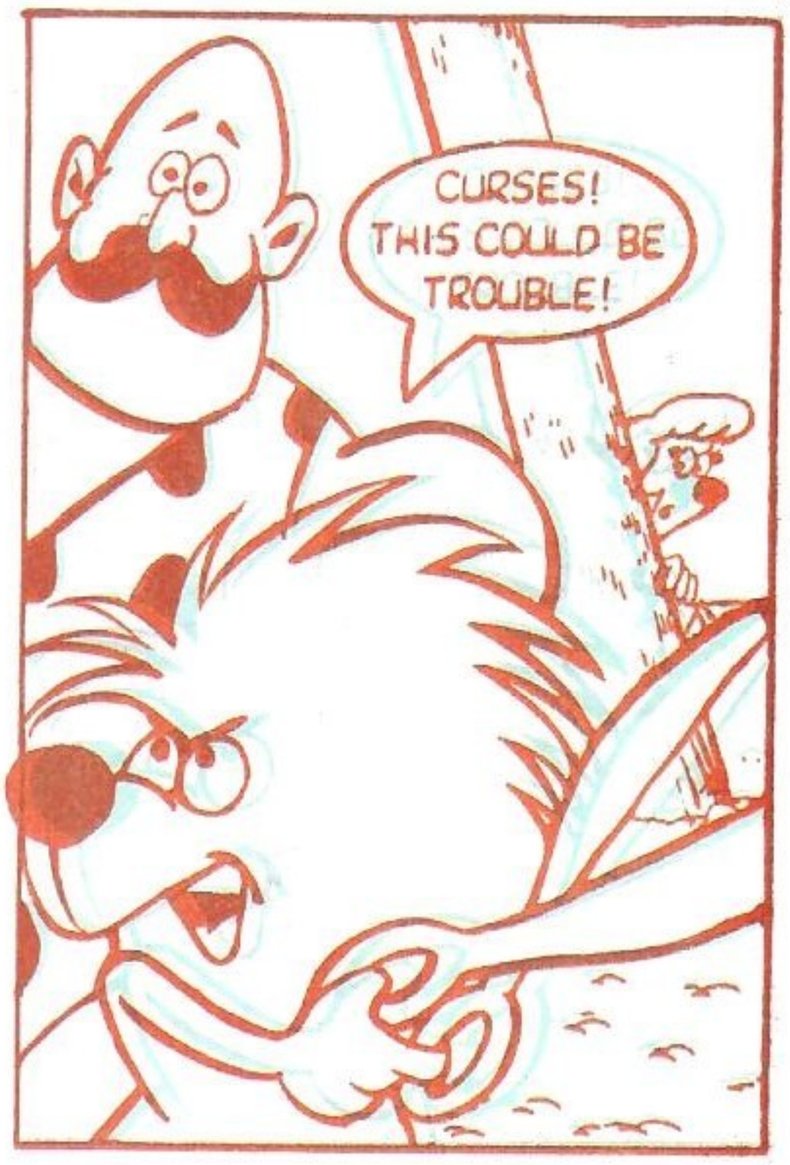
ER..UH..
NOW, HIGH ABOVE YOUR HEADS, THE FLYING LOMBARDIS!



PLINK
PLINK
PLINK

WHOOPS!
WELL, THIS IS EMBARRASSING!

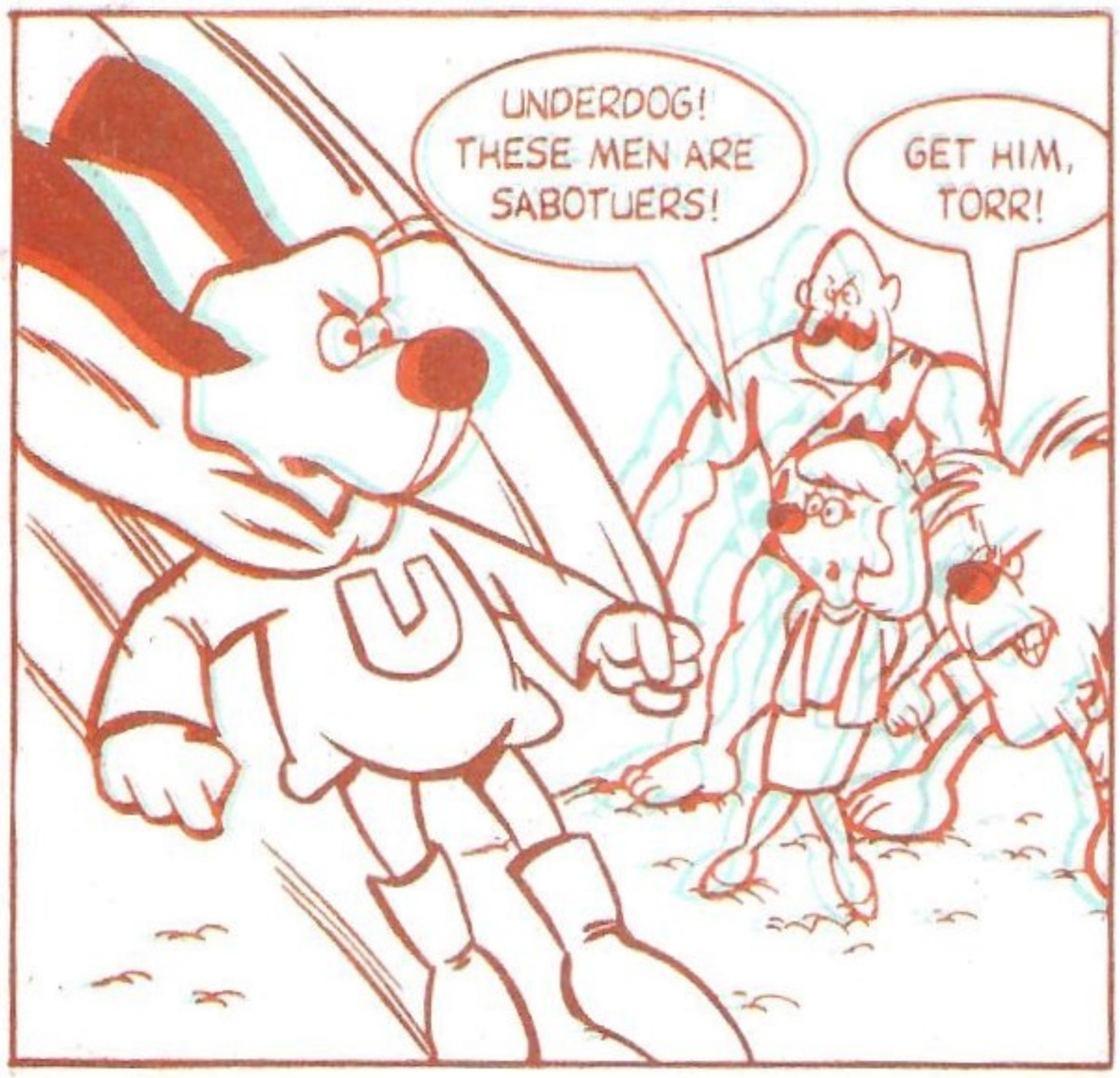
THERE'S NO NEED TO FEAR! UNDERDOG IS HERE!


CURSES! THIS COULD BE TROUBLE!

SO! SOMEONE IS SABOTAGING THE CIRCUS
GRAB HER!

HELLP! HELLLP!!

I RECOGNIZE SWEET POLLY'S CRY, SO IT'S TO HER THAT I MUST FLY!

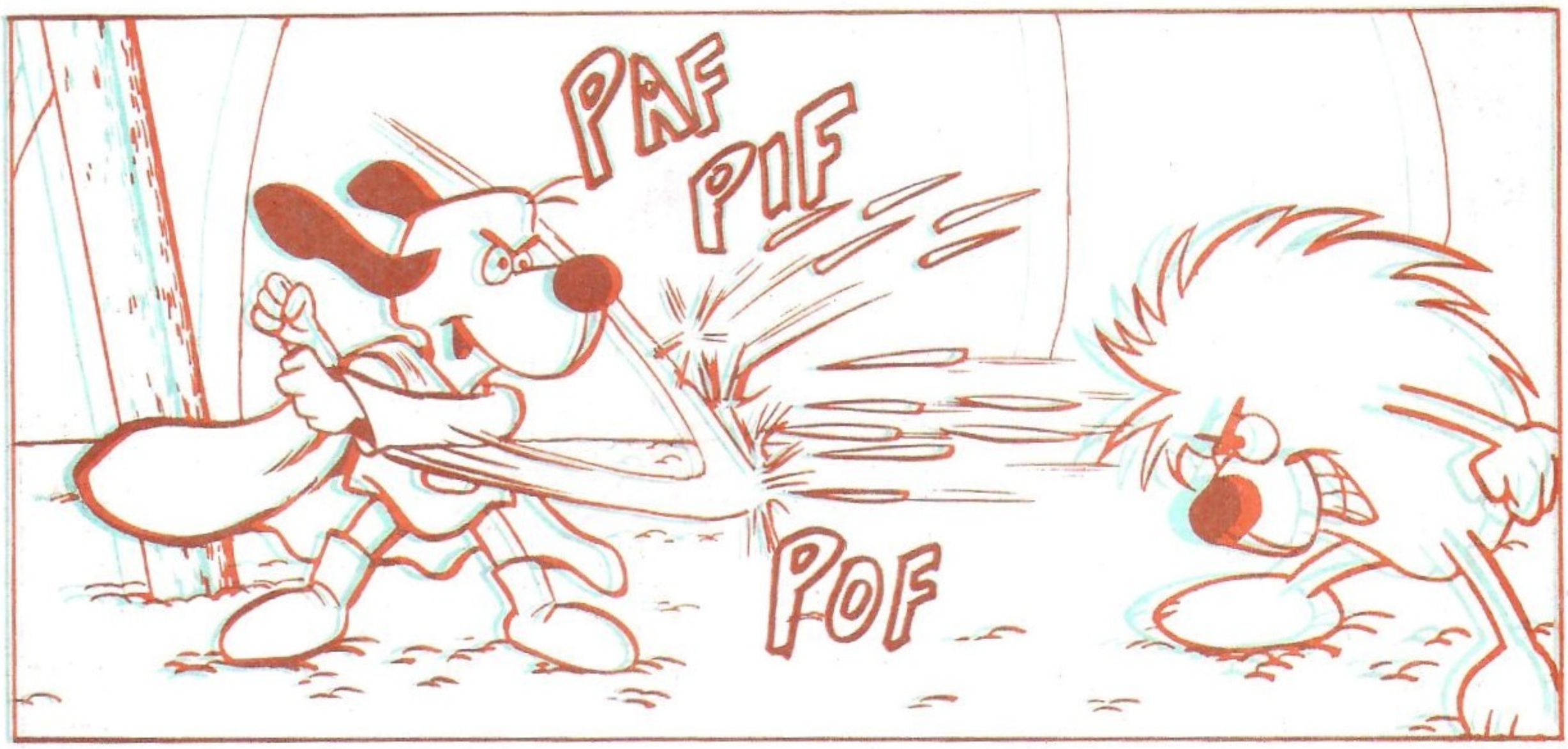

UNDERDOG! THESE MEN ARE SABOTUERS!
GET HIM, TORR!

OKEY DOKEY.

OOOFF!
WHUMP!

YOUR FRIEND'S OUT COLD, AS YOU CAN SEE. NOW IT'S DOWN TO YOU AND ME!
I'VE COME TOO FAR TO BACK OFF NOW!

GET MY POINT?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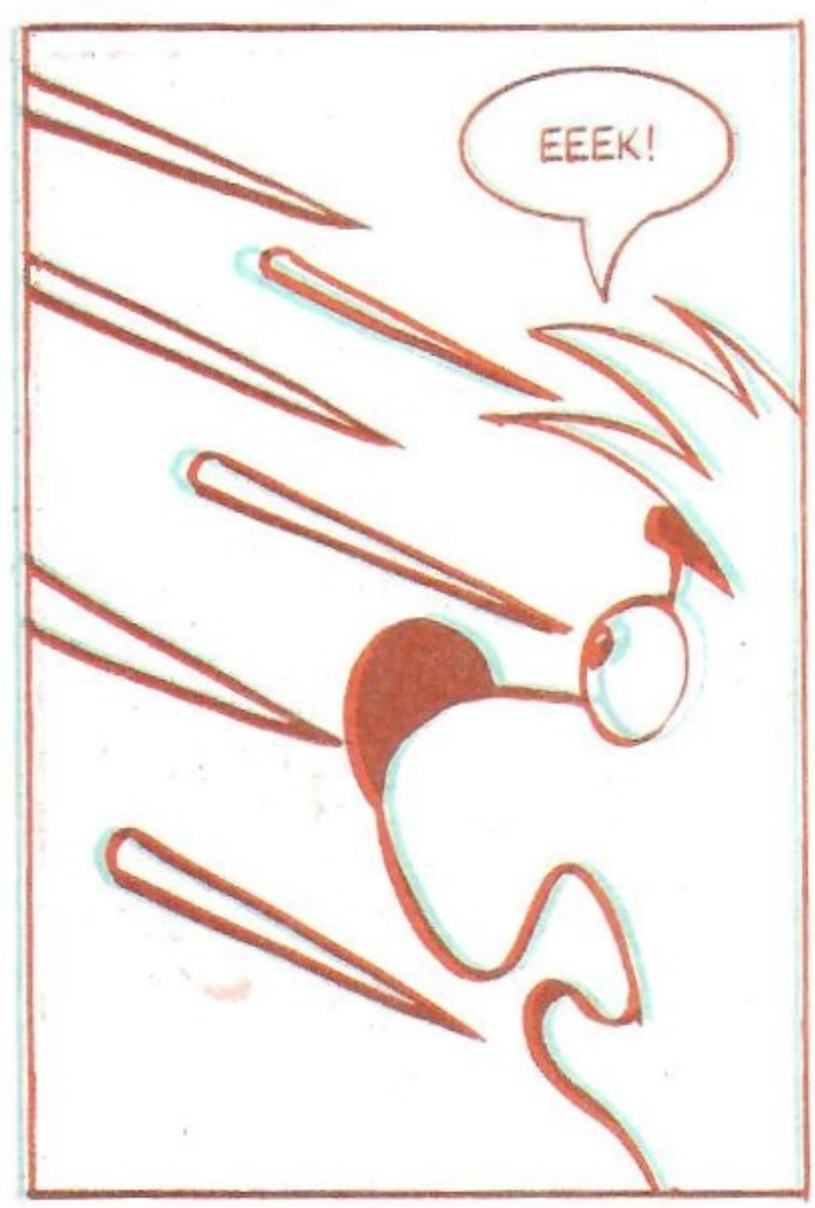
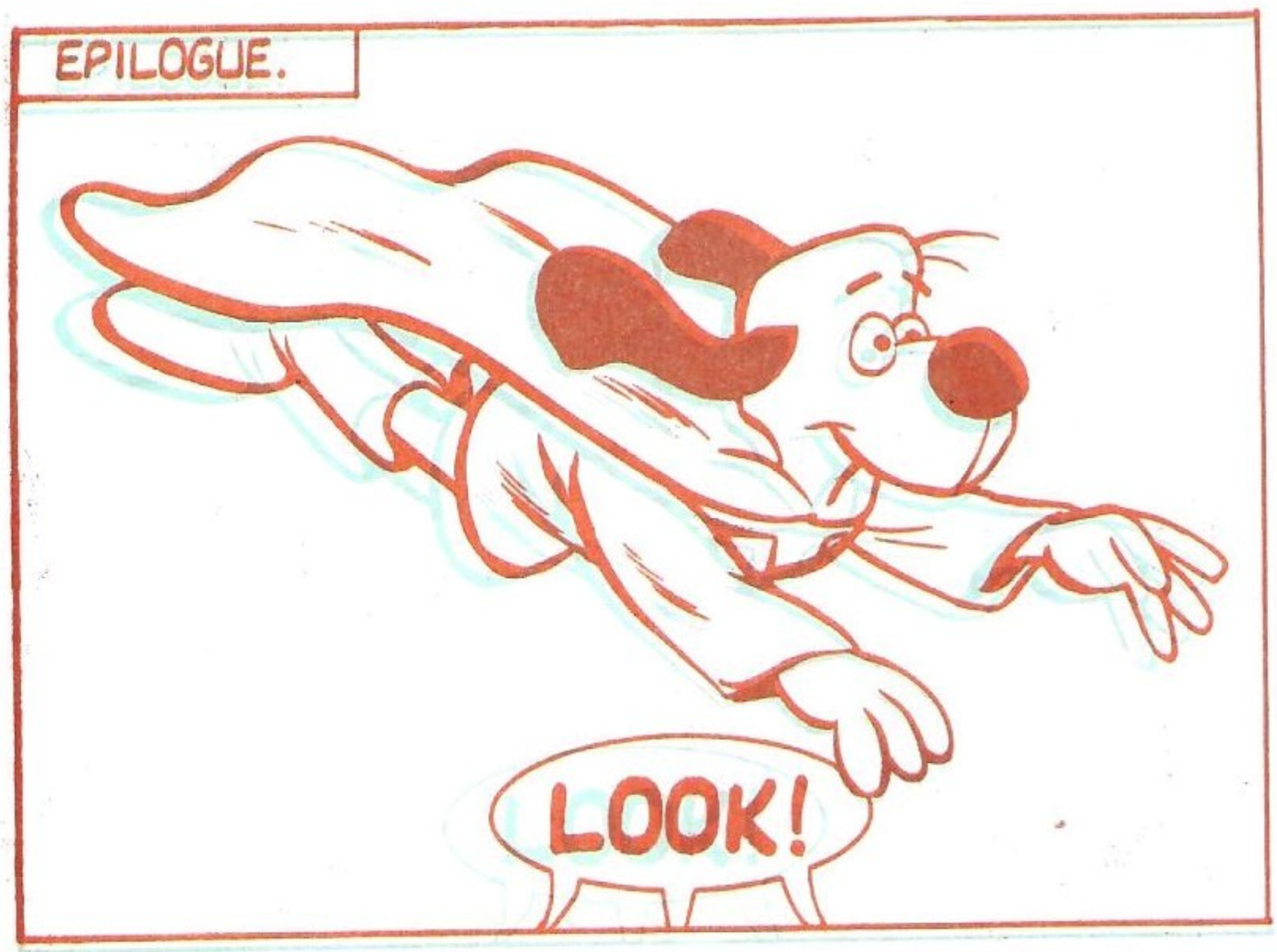
PIF
POF


EEEK!

THAT'S ALL FOR YOU, YOU THREE RING THREAT! A PRISON TERM IS ALL YOU'LL GET!


EPILOGUE.
LOOK!

IT'S A BIRD!
IT'S A PLANE!
IT'S A FALLING STAR!

A FALLING STAR!?!

NOT BIRD, NOR PLANE, NOR FALLING STAR! JUST L'IL OLD ME...

WHOOMP!

OH! THERE YOU ARE!